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# No more state cash for Leyland unless strikes end

The National Enterprise Board has many centre in Eng. told the Government that it can give no further funds to Leyland recommended for the Cars and the Government has "and the decision, Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, Successive Secretary Secretary announced yesterday. Only if strikes

were ended and normal working restored and sustained would there be any possibility of further state aid. Mr Varley told Leyland workers that the company's fate was in their hands: "They can kill it or they can save it."

# Workers 'can kill or save firm'

In one of the gravest statements that he has made to the Commons since becoming Secretary of State for Industry Mr Varley said yesterday that the National Enterprise Board had told the Government that in view of the present situation at British Leyland no further funds could be made available to the alling and strike-plagued

Mr Varley said the Govern-ment fully endorsed the board's decision and he left the House in no doubt of its wide implications for the economy generally and for employment in many parts of the country.
But he presented one ray of

hope for the company when he named three conditions on which government funds could still be available. They would be: a complete return to normal working and to planned and agreed levels of output and productivity; after continuity of and agreed levels of output and productivity; after continuity of productivity had been established it must be sustained; the period until the time when the next tranche of funds would need to be sought must be used for discussions between management, unions and the workforce which would result in the prospect of a radical improvement in industrial relations.

in industrial relations.

The minister's dramatic sonouncement at the start of the emergency debate on British Leyland brought cries of protest from the Labour benches which could have left the Government in no doubt of the ourrage in Labour's renks.

Mr Varley made clear to MPs that the Government fully backed the National Enterprise Board and that the future of British Leyland's 10-year manufacturing programme was in

fe maing programme was in serious peril. It mild not be realized must there were dramatic languagements and

There was no prospect of seeing British Leyland as a viable car manufacturer unless

Unions say

will be held

Britain's maritime trade unions said last night it was unlikely that the tanker Globtik Venus would leave Le

Havre unless the owner. Mr Ravi Tikkoo, settled a pay dis-pute with the Filipina crew.

Yesterday the unions were still discussing whether to boycott all the Globtik fleet, but they have already taken action to prevent the ship sailing out of the French port under a British flag.

Even if the French unions fail to soon the ship leaving

when Globrik changed the ship's figs from the Eahaman to the British one, it had just been a ploy to enable the company to sack the original crew.

But he said the fact that the ship was now under the British

flag meant Mr Tikkoo's prob-lems were "just beginning." A British crew had been due

to take over the vessel, but Mr

accepted his order not to leave

Slater said the men had

a prisoner

By Martin Huckerby

urgent action was taken. The consequence of the decision not to provide additional funds would be a drastic revision of

the programme.

From the Labour benches Mr
Norman Arkinson angrily told
Mr Varley that what he was announcing was a new conception in industrial relations. If the action had been taken by a private manufacturer and injection of new capital was made conditional on the number of disputes that existed that would be treated by the Commons as

trade unionist like Mr Varley suddenly to amounce a new method of that sort when the management was the cause of many of the difficulties.

But Mr Varley emphasized the Government's determination not to back down. He gave a warning that no one should act on any assumption other than that the Government, the NEB and the British Leyland board meant what they said and fully accepted the implications and consequences that would follow unless the situation was quickly

put right and stayed right.
Disclosing what British Leyland told the NEB to enable
it to make its decision, Mr
Varley said the company had stated that since the review of progress last summer there had been insufficient evidence of a reduction of industrial disputes or of improved productivity in Leyland cars. The situation had deteriorated sharply in recent

the board that unless there was a substantial improvement the generation of cash by Leyland Cars would be insufficient to support the car programme. The company would then be mable to recommend the injec-tion of further funds for the modernization and expansion of

Leyland Cars. Mr. Varley told the House that the implications for employment in many areas, par-ticularly the West Midlands, might be profound. "I want all workers at Ley-land, including those on unoffi-cial strike today", he said, "to be quite clear that their own future employment and the future of their company is now in their hands. They can kill it or they can save it. They will have no one else to blame or to

The minister told the House that the decision of the board and of the Government was not just the result of the present dispute. Leyland was in danger of reaching a crisis even withscandal. out the present devastating dis-it was a disgrace for a leading putes. Present plans would have

In 1976 there were 700 disputes in British Leyland of one kind or another. Because of stoppages this year, including the present tool room dispute, the company of the comp the company's cash position at the and of April would be £70m

the end of April would be £70m worse off.

Much of that might be recovered if there was an early return to continuous working but if the strike continued the cash position would worsen rapidly. Failure to generate enough cash within the company would be crippling to its long-term plans, apart from any government decision to withhold funds.

Mr Varley pointed out that public funds alone could not secure British Leyland's future, which was now being undermined. The effect on profits was critical to the operation.

At British Leyland 3,500 workers were on strike and workers were on strike and 28,000 were laid off, 21,000 of them because of the toolmakers' dispute. There were a dozen similar disputes, of which all

but one were unofficial. Last week, Mr Varley said, after a steadily deteriorating period, production was down to a third of the planned level. The livelidood of everyone working at British Leyland was

Leyland could win through, but time was running out fast. Parliamentary report, page 8 Leyland reaction, page 17



The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Coggan, on a visit to Papua New Guinea, meets a tribesman who has been appointed a church warden at a newly built Anglican Church in the country's highland region.

# businessman

An Ulster businessman, Mr Donald Robinson, aged 56, was shot dead yesterday morning in his office in the Botanic Avenue area of south Belfast.

A gang of three men drove to Apex Ceilings, of which Mr Robinson was managing director. Two of the men ran into the office and one entered a room where Mr Robinson was talking to another man.

The two men were made to lie on the floor and Mr Robinson was shot in the back. The other man was left uninjured. The two gunmen ran to the waiting car and were driven off. Mr Robinson was the fourth businessman to be assassinated

since the beginning of February. He was married and his wife Celia helped him to run their business from the top floor of their home.

Middle-class front line, page 2

# Gunmen kill Repair firms dropped fourth Ulster from shipbuilding Bill

By George Clark

Political Correspondent
The Government finally accepted defeat over the ship-repairing sections of the aircraft and shipbuilding nationalization Bill in the Commons yesterday and, by agraement with the Opposition, the amended Bill will be rushed through the Lords and Commons so that it can become effective in the middle of this month.

As Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, explained, further delay in getting the Bill on to the statute book would have done grave damage to the aircraft and shipbuilding industries, which have been menaged for which have been prepared for their new future under nationalized control. Therefore the ship-repairing section would be

The retreat represents a further acknowledgment by the Government of its precarious position in the Commons. Had the normal procedure been followed in the Lords the Bill could have been amended there, and the changes could have come back to the Commons in the summer without the Government's being able to muster

Abhorrent though it is to left-wing Labour MPs, the passage of the nationalization measure into law has been made pos-sible only by the cooperation of the Conservative Opposition and pledges given in secret talks. Lord Byers, leader of the Liberal peers, also gave a pledge for the Liberals. From now on the Government has to seek a coalition of support on all its measures.

The Bill that was promised in the Queen's Speech to expand the direct-labour building departments of local authorities has been virtually abandoned because such a coalition cannot be found.

because such a coalition cannot be found.

The devolution Bill is floundering while the Government has private talks with all parties to see if a coalition can be formed to support a revised Bill. At last the opposition parties and the individual MP find they have real power in their votes.

Conservative leaders were nervous last night about the way the party may regard the "agreement". They emphasized that they had given an undertaking to let the amended

undertaking to let the amended Bill through only after the Government had given an assurance that the deletion of ship-repairers would not be ob-structed by Labour back-

benchers. They also pointed out that because of the terms of the Parliament Acts, under which the Government seeks to force the Bill through, there was little the Conservatives could do to block it.

It was pointed out that al-though the Government had a Commons majority of only one on hybridity, the Scottish nationalists supported the Bill. That meant that, even though the Lords might seek to amend

the Bill, the Government in the end could win the day.

Labour backbenchers viously resented the Government's concession to the Opposition, and some angrily responded by demanding an inquiry into the lobbying activities of opponents of the

admission of defeat was a per-sonal triumph for Mr Christopher Balley, chairman of Bristol Channel Ship Repairers, who had led the campaign against the Bill and had obtained from the examiners a declaration that the Bill was hybrid (affecting companies on an unequal

It was that decision by senior clerks and legal advisers from both Houses that opened up the prospect of the Bill's , delayed until the end of the present session.
While the Bill was before the
Commons last session there Commons last session there were complaints from Labour backbenchers about the lobby-

ing of some companies.

Mr Michael English, Labour
MP for Nottingham, West,
saked the Speaker yesterday
whether the House should not investigate how much money had been spent in the attempted bribery of MPs to achieve an apparently successful change in government policy.

Mr Thomas commented sternly that if Mr English had any proof of bribery he knew the course he should adopt. He should bring the evidence for-

ward.

But Mr English stood his ground. "I was careful in my choice of words", he said. "I said 'attempted bribery' and that I can prove if you wish it."

Mr Norman Tebbit, Conservative MP for Waltham Forest,
Chingford, said earlier: "Mr
Christopher Bailey, ilke Mr
Laker, has shown that if you are prepared to fight you can save your company from this government."

Labour backbenchers last night tabled a Commons motion asking that "in view of the disquiet which exists regarding the activities of Bristol Channel Ship Repairers in relation to the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill a select com-mittee should be established to investigate these activities. Our Industrial Correspondent writes: The decision to remove the troublesome ship-repairing elements from the Bill was wel-comed by the Shipbuilders and Repairers National Association

last night, although the move has created a further anomaly. Vosper Thornycroft, the South Coast specialist ship-building group, has extensive ship-repairing interests but because those interests were not included in the list of 12 companies scheduled for nationali-zation (they are included in the shipbuilding schedule) they remain outside the scope of the ship-repair deletions.

Shipyard chief delighted, page 2 Parliamentary report, page !

grocers to pay more for bread because others were paying

less. The difficulty arose this

year because in January the Government ended a clamp on

'Times' reporters win

Mrs Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent of The Times (above), has won the ritle of News Reporter of the Year for her series on forged paintings. Mr Neville Hodgkinson, also of The Times, is commended in the 1976 British Press Awards, announced today. Mr Shyam Bhatia is commended for a series on immigration published jointly in The Times and the Western Mail, Cardiff Page 2

National jubilee scholarships for science and engineering are likely to be introduced by the

Government this year, Mr Oakes, Minister of State for Education, told a conference at Preston. He said they would be glittering prizes to which the winners could look back in middle

Jubilee stamps A set of four stamps to mark

the silver jubilee of the Queen's accession has been criticized as dull 3

Women's charter The TUC has revised its programme for working women, adding new

demands on pensions, family planning and

Fishing fines cut: Fines of £12,000 and £10,000

imposed on two Danish skippers for illegal

Romania: Well-known priest cannot leave Bucharest after being tricked into returning

fishing have been cut to £2,500

journalist awards

Jubilee scholarships

deals curbed

The European Commission yesterday decided to stop any further subsidized exports of butter to the Soviet Union or Eastern Europe "for the foresecable future". Mr Roy Jenkins presided over the Commission's meeting in Brussels at which the decision was taken to bar any more deals of the type that has brought public entered deals of the type that has brought public outry in EEC countries; the Soviet Union is paying only a third of the price charged to consumers in Community countries, and the sale of 36,000 tonnes is unaffected by the new move Page 6

**Cut-price butter** 

#### Reserves rise £445m

Britain's reserves of gold and foreign currencies Even if the French unions fail to stop the ship leaving, the 34,000-ton tanker is now under the British flag and needs certificated British officers before, under British law it can sail. The unions believe they will stop Mr Tikkoo getring the necessary officers, although he claims he will be able to do so.

Mr James Slater, general secretary of the National Union of Seamen, said that when Globtik changed the ship's flag from the Bahaman sive month in February. Reviving confidence in the economy attracted large amounts of money into the country, forcing the Bank of England to buy foreign currencies to stop the pound rising too far. The reserves rose by \$591m (£345m) to a new peak of \$7,787m (£4,546m)

#### Housing disclosure today

The full contents of the Building Economic Development Council's unpublished report on national housing policy are likely to be disclosed today by Mr Hugh Rossi, opposition spokesman on housing and land. Sir Ronald McIntosh, director-general of the National Economic Development Office, denied yesterday that the report was being suppressed Page 2

#### Income tax spiral

Britons had to pay more last year to cover a £104m increase in the Inland Revenue costs of collecting taxes. Rising overheads are attributed to Finance Act changes, more taxpayers, and more complicated taxation. Tax revenues rose by £4,750m Page 5

#### Students' fee protests

Students from about a hundred colleges have joined protests against government proposals to increase tuition fees. There were occupations, pickering, lobbying and deminstrations. At Warwick and Bath universities the vice-chan-cellors took part in teach-ins. The National Union of Students is calling for a one-day strike on March 9 Page 3 on March 9

Letters : On the proposed defence cuts, from Mr Patrick Wall, MP; on splitting the Treasury, from Sir Samuel Goldman; and ou Rudolf Hess, from the Bishop of Bath and Wells and Mr Schaun V. Tozet

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from his home in London

down; Herbert Morris under siege Business features : Edward Townsend, in the sixth of a series of articles on the Government's industrial strategy, examines the

oaves only.

was perverse.

The commission justified its decision by saying that treating

#### **Price Commission stops** some bread increases discount increases as allowable By Hugh Clayton

Imminent price increases on costs would have forced some bread were cut by the Price Commission yesterday. Bakers had wanted to charge an extra 1p on large and small loaves next week, but the rise will probably now apply to large

discount levels, which had lasted more than 18 months. The timing of the aunounce-Butter plea: Surplus EEC butter should be sold to British ment was unusual, since the final shop price of bread is decided by the Government. The cut was made because the compensioners, Mr Derrick Hornby, president of the Food Manu-facturers' Federation, told facturers' Federation, told reporters: He added: "I think mission rejected a part of the bread claim that covered rises in discounts negotiated this year they could get rid of some of it by bringing it in to the old between bakers and grocers. The Federation of Bakers said the commission's interpretation

folks in this country."

But he added: "This would make only a small dent in the mountain. The mountain is growing faster than you can

#### Mr Smith faced by right-wing rebellion

Salisbury, March 2

Nine members of the ruling Rhodesian Front's parlia-mentary caucus staged a pro-test walkout from a caucus meeting here today. Their rebel-hon presents Mr Smith, the Prime Minister, with the most serious challenge to his leader-ship since he took office 13

The nine, who include Mt Edward Sutton-Pryce, a Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's office, have rebelled over the office, have rebelled over the Land Tenure Act amendment Bill, which is designed to modify racially discriminatory legislation. Its main provision would open up white farming land to all races and reduce the emount of land available exclusively to whites.

In addition to the nine who staged the protest walkout today, there are three other members of the caucus, absent from this morning's meeting who are expected to join the rebellion during the debate. If they do so they will paralyse the Government. A two-thirds majority is necessary

in the 66-seat House of Assembly to pass the legisla-tion which is an amendment to the 1969 constitution. Thirteen of the 16 African Opposition members of the House announced today that they will

abstain.

The Rhodesian Front holds all 50 white seats but if the rebellion persists the legislation will not be passed. This would be the Government's first parliamentary defeat since it came to power in 1962.

Mr Smith declined to comment on the rebellion when he arrived at Parliament today, but he said he was surprised that Mr Sutton-Pryce had joined the

Mr Sutton-Pryce had joined the

Another prominent rebel is Mr Reginald Cowper, who re-signed as Minister of Defence and Coordination last month. In Parliament today he gave a benstion stating as one reason, the "indecision and resort to half measures by the Government in the political field".

Mr Cowper said he felt no rancour but disillusionment and lisappointment. He gave as other reasons for his resignation the fact that the Prime Minister dealt directly with the military commanders, bypassing the Defence Minister and the reluctance with which the Cabinet accepted his efforts to deferments from military

At the end of his speech he draw my support for the Goverrment of the day." He sat down to a smattering of

Although the full views of the 12 rebels are not yet known precisely it is clear that most of them have acted because they believe the Government's proposed amendments to the Land Tenure Act are a betrayal fundamental policies.

Both the chairman and the

deputy chairman of the Rho-desian Front have expressed their condemnation of the Government's proposed reforms, and they are thought Government's to speak for a sizable number of the more conservative party



#### Williamson 'humiliation' at hands of **Arts Council**

Arts Reporter

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Mr Malcolm Williamson,
Master of the Queen's Music,
delivered a scathing attack
yesterday on the Arts Council
for its lack of support of his
work. He said his feelings were
of "total disgust" and added
that its refusal to make funds
available for his new work,
commissioned for the Three
Choirs Festival, was "one more Choirs Festival, was "one more humiliation in a long list of

humiliations ...
Mr Williamson had been invited to speak at a press conference held, ironically, at the Arts Council premises in Piccadilly, to give details of this year's Gloucester Festival. had seen the Queen last year about the possibility of dedicat-

ing the work, Mass of Clrist the King, to her.

It had been "a very long task", he said, but the work was almost completed. But he added that lack of financial support had delayed him, and he still had serious doubts about whether it would be finished in time.

"My feelings towards the Arts Council are of total disgust because of its lack of support. It is one more humiliation in a long list of humiliations I have suffered from the Arts Council

"Being Master of the Queen's Music does not mean you are the best composer in Britain, but simply that you have a job to do and you are considered the best person to do that job." Mr Angus Stirling, deputy secretary-general of the council, said later: "I am very sorry that such a distinguished person should choose this occasion on which to make a sweepon our support for musicians."

After Mr John Sanders, the was sure financial support would be forthcoming, Mr Williamson was asked about Arts Council support for him in the past. He said fees were "intimi-He said fees were "intimi-datingly small; in this case total rejection of the application for a commissioning fee ".

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#### Football results Anderlecht 2, Southampton 0.

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**ARGAINS** 

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for Le Havre.

Mr Eric Nevin, general secretary of the Merchant Navy and Airline Officers' Association, said his members who were to replace the non-British officers were ordered not to sail until the dispute was settled.

Mr K. A. Murphy, general
Secretary of the Radio and
Flectronic Officers' Union, said they had already withdrawn Continued on page 6, col 4 Amin men stop

> Olympic winner Nairobi, March 2.- John Akii-Bua, the former Ugandan 400nerre hurdler and Olympic gold Aledal winner in Munich, was treesed by President Amin's security men at his house in ampala over the weekend, Jandam refugees said here

Both Mr. Akii-Bua and Mr. Akii-Bua is a senior police operintendent.

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# Opposition expected to force issue by disclosing full details of report criticizing housing policy

The full contents of the unpublished report by the Building Economic Development Council on housing policy, a copy of which is already in the possession of The Times, are expected to be disclosed today by Mr Hugh Rossi, Conservative spokesman on housing and land. Mr Rossi has talked of a

"shocking conspiracy" to sup-press the report, and called on the Government to intervene. The council has said that it cannot publish any report without the consent of the Government, the employers and the

Although the 185-page document is frequently repetitive and appears at times to make some unsupported assumptions. it also reaches a number of conclusions that will be widely endorsed. It is equally easy to see why it has created dissent. For instance, it asserts that the present housing situation, particularly in the larger cities, is a direct consequence of the policies of subsidizing local

authority housing and restrict-

ing rears in the private rented sector.
Such policies are unlikely to result in the most efficient use of resources, it states. "Quite apart from the wastage involved in the physical deterioration of houses in the private rented sector, local authorities are often criticized as bureaucratic and inflexible landlords, unable to respond to minority require-

Policies continued to shift most of the demand for reated housing into the public sector, which could not accommodate

demand and supply which is observed, especially in London and major cities, is a direct consequence of these policies."

Shortages could have been alleviated by large-scale acqui-sitions from the private rented sector, which, coupled with improvement grants, would have provided homes at a lower cost to the nation, the report con-tinues. "Yet while policy exhor-tations to local authorities emphasized the need to pre-serve and rehabilitate older houses the financial system encouraged them to do the opposite."

Government policy has increased demand for housing by subsidies, it concludes. Furthermore it has done so in a manner that is very unequal in its impact on people in differ-

"The usual justification for subsidies is that, left to them-selves, poor people would con-sume less housing than was good for either themselves and their families or their neigh-bours who would suffer from environmental disbenefits. Yet present arrangements are such that many poor people in the private rented sectors do not receive any housing subsidies, while these are available to all income groups in other tenures.

"Lower income groups cannot easily become owner-occu-piers, but at the same time local authorities have been un-able to meet the demand for rented accommodation. That demand has been increased by successive administrative inter-ventions, the latest of which is the 1974 Rent Act.

"Local authority housing has all those unable to find sultable therefore been rationed, using bousing in the private rented criteria such as present living

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dence and size of family, all of which discriminate against the young, the single and the mobile. If these people lack the means to become owneroccupiers they are forced into the furnished sector, where rents are high because it is too small to meet all mobile demand.

"These groups can often make ends meet only by living in relatively overcrowded conditions, which occasionally spill over into homelessness. Those outside the system suffer, and those inside do not leave unless they are sure they will be able to get back in."

The report concludes that there is no room for increasing the overall housing subsidy; indeed the aim must be to reduce the present public contri-bution to housing.

Selective assistance is needed Selective assistance is needed to help some would-be owneroccupiers, and hence any general increase in tax relief or 
option-mortgage subsidy is 
ruled out. Instead any increase 
in subsidy to selected groups 
of purchasers should be more 
than offset by reduced subsidies 
elsewhere, but not necessarily 
to content of the late owner. by reductions in help to ownerccupiers. Absolute

Ronald McIntosh, director-general of the National Econo-mic Development Office, said yesterday that the report was a draft, a working document All members of the building sub-committee had been against publishing the document in its present form. "The impression has been given that this was an attempt to suppress material that was of interest to the public". Sir Ronald said. "That

priority must be given to manufacturing industry, and he made a direct plea to senior union officials at the Colchester Lathe Company, which is part of the 600 Group. He told them the Government needed another 12 months and asked them to "take a bit" in the next wage negotiations and not

Mr Callaghan talking with Mr James Rafferty in the training centre at the Colchester lathe factory during his visit to East Anglia.

ask for everything.

Britain could prosper, he said, only if industry and Government could work more closely together with the National Enterprise Board, planning agreements and other designed to aid the in-

next year.

But Mr Callaghan made it clear that if there is more flexibility in the next wage round any agreements based on productivity should not just be "a comment." dostrial strategy.
In many ways the Colchester Lathe Company is a mirror image of Mr Callaghan's plan for revitalizing British infor revitalizing British in-dustry. It exports more than 60 per cent of its products, makes He was visiting East Anglia a profit, enjoys reasonable to drive home his message that labour relations and is co-

ence of it.
"If the Government has no

ability to improve on what we

do, what is the point of jeopardizing what we have built up through team spirit

through many years. My cam-paign has not been for myself,

because I am a major share-holder and would have stood

to make a lot of money out of

by Bristol Channel Ship Re-

pairers are wholehearted sup-porters of nationalization, but

Some of the men employed

nationalization.

operating with the Government on an investment and expansion programme.

difficulties that have created the Leyland maelstrom were present. More than 200 workers had taken an upofficial day off to protest against the social contract and its effect on differentials.

The Prime Minister dis-missed the specific concept of regional development areas as a piece of 1940s-style thinking and indicated that aid should be to individual companies and

industries.
Throughout his tour of Colchester and Ipswich Mr Callaghan was closely followed by innerant demonstrators from Essex University, whose chanting and actions he dismissed with scarcely concealed con-

**Arts Council** 

of 'reprisals'

He criticized Arts Council deliberations "behind closed doors", and continued: "A lot

of the humiliation is certainly verbal and would certainly be

"I should not mind so much

if I was the only composer, but this is felt very much by other composers". He had asked the

Arts Council for £5,000 for the

for its proportion of the money

The orchestra, which is giving the 70-minute work its first performance at Gloucester

bus conductor gets, pro rata". He was sustained in writing the Mass by the honour of having

the dedication accepted by the

Queen's Music would be able to say anything like this", he said.

In its last annual report the Arts Council referred to its

policy of giving direct aid to composers, primarily through commission fees for new works

that could be assured of per-

Mr Williamson udded that it

he had asked for.

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denied.

# Pit negotiators back more pay restraint

Miners' negotiators yesterday agreed to go along with implementing phase two of the social contract but reserve their position on what should happen when present pay con-trols expire at the end of July. Mr Lawrence Daly, general secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers, said the shape of their next wage claim would depend on the outcome of talks between the TUC and the Cabinet.

A social contract settlement for the year beginning March 1 and giving miners £2.50 to £4 week more will cost about £50m, but it will not lead to higher coal prices. The National Coal Board allowed for such a settlement when announcing price rises averaging 15 per cent.

Mr Gormley, the miners' president, who has different ideas on how collective bargaining should develop, was absent through illness from yesterday's meeting of the union's negotiators. Mr union's negotiators. Mr Michael McGahey, the vice-president and leader of the Scottish miners, also was absent as was Mr Arthur Scargill, of the Yorkshire area. But Mr Leonard Clarke, the Nortinghamshire miners' presi-

dent, who took the chair, relation that the negotiators should recommend to next weeks full session of the NUM national session of the NUM nat executive that the should conclude a phase in agreement with the coal boad because the men had voted in favour of accepting coming Mr Gormley's idea is the

restraint last summer. the miners should roll up the phase two payment into wider deal involving product vity bonuses when wage be August 1. His view has to backing among the domina moderate group on the endutive, but it remains to b seen if he will pursue the ide

While the NUM negotiate are preparing to accept the in plementation of another ye of restraint in which no be tant miners are tabling free demands for big rises and end to the social contract.

The Nottinghamshire

has voted to submit a claim for £135 a week at the coaling for £135 a week at the coal to the union's annual police making conference in July The Yorkshire area propose £110 a week for the top-pai man, with a ballot on industrial action if the coal beau does not make a satisfacture.

#### Friction that News award led to strike at hospital

Fundamental incompatibility between three of the top people at a hospital for the mentally handicapped was among the factors that led to a strike ci nurses and other staff, a public inquiry was told yesterday.

Mr Philip Otton, QC, for the Mr Philip Otton, QC, for the committee of inquiry, said that, in addition, conditions in the two main wings of Normansfield Hospital, Teddington, Greater London, which housed 160 of the 220 patients, were so had that the Hospital Advisory Sertices had recommended in 1972 that they should be de-1972 that they should be demolished and rebuilt.

After the strike, in May last year, Dr Terence Lawlor, a con-

The statutory inquiry was set up by Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, to inquire into patient care, staff morale and, in particular, into complaints made by hospital staff and others.

handicapped patients.

hospital's only consultant psychiatrist, nursing, medical, staff over the treatment of

approach.

nursing and administrative".
But the hospital staff did not receive the "guidance, support, leadership and resources they so badly needed".

a pumber of paintings attribute to Samuel Palmer were by Ton Keating became, the citation says, "one of the great stone of the year", keeping the resof Fleet Street "guessing at

Times reporter, Mr Neville Hodgkinson, is commended for his series on Trotskyist activity in local Labour parties. In the Young Journalist of the Yea section, Shyam Bhatia, of the Western Mail, Cardiff, is com mended for his series on immigration, which was carried jointly in The Times and the Western Mail.

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sultant psychiatrist, was sus-pended on full pay.

commission and received nothing He had to thank the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra Mr Otton said in his opening statement that Normanfield Hospital had three inherent difficulties: it was old, small and housed long-stay mentally

Cathedral on August 25, has There were "mistrust, lack of confidence and lack of communication" between the had £3,500 in industrial sponsorship for it from the Johnson In terms of the length of time the concentration that went into it, Mr Williamson said, he was receiving "vastly less than a

A "traditional, hierarchical staffing pattern" was adhered to rather than the modern team

The hospital was short of senior trained nurses and therapists "probably because the hospital had acquired a bad name". It was also short of domestic staff, which put additional work on the nurses. was "an unhappy fact" that it was "an unhappy fact" that both the BBC and the Arts Council instituted reprisals against people who spoke against them. "I don't suppose anyone except the Master of the Council's Music would be able to There existed a "fundamental incompatibility of the three

The inquiry was adjourned until today.

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Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland: Sunny intervals, isolated showers; wind W fresh, strong to

snowers; wind W fresh, strong to gale near exposed coasts; max temp 10°C (50°F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands: Sunny periods, dry; wind W moderate, strong in places; max temp 8° to 10°C (46 to 50°F).

Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland,

Orkney, Sherland: Cloudy, showers, perhaps longer periods of rain; wind W strong to gale: max temp 7° to 10°C (43° to 50°F).

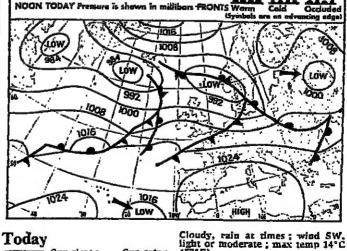
#### for 'Times' sale reporter By a Staff Reporter A "good old-fashioned soon

scented out by Mrs Gendine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent of The Times, during ber daily duties, has won her the Year in the British Pres Awards for 1976, announced Mrs Norman's discovery the

In the same section, another

The awards are: The awards are:
International Reporter of the Year: Peter Riesswand. The Guardian. Commended: Dermo. Purgavie, Daily Mail.
Young Journalist of the Year: Richard Woolveridge, South London Press. Commended: Journalist of the Year: Sakeli, Cambridge Evening News; Shyam Bhatia, Western Mail.
Provincial Journalist of the Yea:

# Weather forecast and recordings



Today

Sun rises : Sun sets: 6.42 am 5.44 pm Moon sets: Moon rises: Full moon: March 5.

Full moon: March 5.
Lighting up: 6.14 pm to 6.10 am,
High water: London Bridge,
12.47 pm, 6.2m (20.2ft). Avonmouth, 5.19 am, 11.5m (37.8ft);
5.52 pm, 12.1m (39.6ft). Dover,
9.33 am, 5.9m (19.2ft); 9.58 pm,
6.1m (20.1ft). Hull, 4.34 am, 6.3m
(20.7ft); 4.42 pm, 6.6m (21.7ft).
Liverpool, 9.39 am, 8.3m (27.3ft);
10.2 pm. 8.5m (27.9ft).

A rather cloudy W airstream covers British Isles, with a trough of low pressure moving slowly across S England.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: London, East Anglia, E. England, Midlands: Mostly cloudy, rain at times, perhaps sunny intervals later; wind SW, Eight; max temp 13°C (35°F).

SE, Central S and SW England, Channel Islands, S. Wales: Strait of Dover: Winds SW strong

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c. cloud ; d, drizzle ;

becoming W or NW fresh; see rough, decreasing moderate. Farlish Channel (E), St George's Channel: Winds SW strong, becoming NW moderate sea rough decreasing slight. Irish Sea : Winds SW strong-locally gale sea rough or ver

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am to 6 pm (19°C) (66°F): min, 6 pm to 6 am (10°C) (50°F). Humidity 6 pm, 52 per cent. Rain, 24br to 6 pm, trace. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, 3.4 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,022 millibars, steady. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

is absolute nonsense." 'No price could have compensated us for our sweat'

cosmetic agreement disguised for getting more money for the

Callaghan

the unions

The Prime Minister said yes-

terday that given another rea-sonable wage agreement with more flexibility inflation could be substantially reduced by

plea to

From Tim Jones

Bill decision delights shipyard chief From Trevor Fishlock

Mr Christopher Bailey, the black-bearded shipyard chief who spent more than £100,000 on a campaign to prevent his company from being included in the Government's shipbuild-ing nationalization plans, said yesterday that he was delighted that the Government had "come to its senses" in dropping ship-repair firms from its legislation.

Mr Bailey has infuriated ministers and MPs by spending large sums on newspaper adver-tisements and other publicity to state his case against nationali-zation. Many of the advertise-ments were full-page appeals to Mr Benn, when he was Secre-tary of State for Industry.

Mr Bailey said yesterday: "We are the garage for ship-owners and our business is based on personal contact and trust. All that would have dis-appeared had we been taken have been run by civil ser-over. There is no price the Gov-ernment could have paid to feeling for the specialized ship-

From Christopher Walker

Mr Donald Robinson, the English-born company director murdered yesterday as he lay face down on the floor of his

Belfast office, lived and worked in two previously peaceful middle-class districts of the city. Within the past few weeks they, and hundreds like them

throughout Ulster have suddenly emerged as the new front

line of the war against the Provisional IRA.

Mr Robinson, aged 56, the fourth businessman to be assassinated since the beginning of February, ran the Apex Ceiling

Company from premises near the Queen's University. His home was in the Malone Road area, favoured by Belfast's com-mercial and professional

Less than 24 hours before his

shooting both areas had been earmarked for special protec-tion by regular and undercover police squads as part of a drive to counter the newly concen-

trated IRA campaign against businessmen. Similar police activity has been ordered in all parts of the province.

The new campaign, aimed at

what the Provisionals describe

as the "bourgeois business class", has resulted in some

grateful to Mr Lowenstein and the American delegation for

front line in Ulster

Middle-class areas the new

compensate us for our sweat.
"When Mr' Charles Clore tried to take us over some years ago we said 'No'. And we have said 'No' to the Government for exactly the same reasons: we are independent, and proud of it. We believe in free enterprise?" enterprise.

During his two-year cam Bailey said would have nationalization roined his company, Bristol Channel Ship Repairers, and cost the jobs of the 361 men who work in the yards at Car-diff, Swansez, Newport and

Barr We are a community and the men are involved in every-thing we do", he said. "Every-man becomes a shareholder after three months' service, and employee-directors are elected by secret ballot, Our accounts are wide open and everyone knows what goes on." He dreaded nationalization

drastic changes in life-style for thousands of Northern Ireland

citizens who had until recently escaped the brunt of the

The most noticeable changes are taking place in private homes, where a wide range of security devices are being

The manager of one of Bel-fast's largest security firms said: "The most popular sys-tem now is the door porter intercom, which keeps the door

locked until the caller has identified himself. There is also

a demand for closed circuit television, which can cost upwards of £500 to install."

A typical Ulster businessman's day now begins with a

routine check under and around his car to make sure that it has

not been booby-trapped over-night. Many are also keeping

regular checks on their cars when they are left for the day in the large, unguarded car parks outside the better protected city centres.

In spite of the panoply of devices and the added police

protection the real difficulties

of countering random attacks by determined terrorists have

induced an unprecedented feeling of uncertainty and resentment among Ulster's

among

hastily fitted.

many feared that the govern-ment proposals might ulti-mately have damaged the

After being told that there would be an investigation into his publicity campaign, Mr Bailey said last night that the allegations made against him were laughable and were sour grapes. "The criticisms come from the extreme left wing, from people who do not under-stand the practical problems of industry," he said.

# RUC accused of

accused last night of using interrogation techniques similar to those condemned before the European Court of Human

The BBC television programme Tonight produced an account from a Roman Catholic teacher who was taken from his he was beaten and subjected to

He was offered water, which awkward positions for long periods and slapped when he could not maintain the stance;

was thrown to the floor from which he was made to lick it up. His interrogators covered his nose and mouth to stop him breathing, and he fainted. After two days his family doctor was allowed to see him. The doctor's report stated he

Both men have initiated com-

Blanket wives in court

rier as a protest on Tuesday, were conditionally discharged for causing an obstruction.

The next Conservative govern-

#### ill-treating men being questioned By Stewart Tendler

Detectives from the Royal Ulster Constabulary Rights.

home in Enniskillen, co Fermanagh, and subjected to ill-treatment during a five-day interrogation in January. Mr Bernard O'Connor, aged 34, said that for the first two days degrading treatment.

could not maintain the stance; he was punched, thrown against the wall and forced to perform physical exercises. At one point he was made to strip naked and at another stage he was picked up bodily and thrown to the floor.

He was ooffered water, which had suffered injuries compat-ible with being assaulted by the

Mr Michael Lavelle, a factory production controller in Ennis-killen, was also picked up by the police last January. He said that he too was similarly illtreated.

plaints against the police. Neither man was charged.

Four Belfast housewives who appeared at Bow Street Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday, with blankets over their underclothes, the same garb as when they padlocked them-selves to a Downing Street bar-

ment will investigate the relative contributions and benefits of the self-employed under the national insurance scheme, Mr Patrick Jenkin, spokesman on



Life, believe, is not a dream So dark as sages say; Oft a little morning rain Foretells a pleasant day."

C. Bronte Take your Burberry, in any case.

Burberrys
Half-way down the Haymarket

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**US brings N Ireland into** human rights debate the European Court of Human From Our Correspondent Rights at Strasbourg, torture continued daily in Northern Geneva Mr Allard Lowenstein, the new United States delegate to the United Nations Human Ireland. On arrival in Geneva last

month, Mr Lowenstein immedi-Rights Commission, is includately proposed that the commission should consider how ing Northern Ireland in his expressions of concern to demonstrate the Carter Adminiit could ask for information about reported arrests of Soviet stration's even-handed con-demnation of violations. Mr Valerian Zorin, the Soviet One result has been a threedelegate, reacted sharply with day visit by Mr Frank McManus, former Unity MP at

commission was not entitled to involve itself
At his first news conference, a few days later, Mr Lowen-Westminster for Fermanagh and South Tyrone. He has been lobbying delegates and observers with allegations of constein was notably more circum-spect. He spoke of "finding common purposes and overlap-ping concerns about human tinued torture at interrogation centres in Northern Ireland. "I believe the question will be raised in the Human Rights rights He was in Washington for Commission", he said in an interview. "I am more than

consultations last week. While there he is believed to have met Mr McManus's brother, Father Sean McManus, who is said to have found a "new attitude on Ireland" in Administration manting to see me."

Mr McManus said he had have fo brought with him proof that, irrespective of proceedings in circles. Ireland"

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Efforts were being made within the Ministry of Defence winin the ministry of Defence yesterday to save the tax-free gratification of up to £5,000 that have been promised to military alcrew, and which the Depart deal involving a sircrew, and which the social social which the ment of Health and Social ment of wants to end.

st 1. His vices has sources about 450 men, pilots and aircrew officers in the but it remains the Royal Navy and the Royal Air if he will pursue the Force all on short-service enif he will pursue to gagements may be affected.

Those men had a choice of three career schemes when they could serve for signed on. They could serve for 16 years to qualify for a "sizable peosion, or they could leave after eight or 12 years miners are cooling leave after eight or 12 years leave after eight or 12 years leave after eight or 12 years with a taxfree gratuity of 2750 or #5,000 respectively.

Notting in the cooling and the cooling conference is the age of 21. It is that scheme that the Department of Health

that the Department of Health and Social Security wants to extend to the Services from April 1, which would result in the short-service aircrew receiving a pension at the age of 60 rather than the granuity they were promised when they joined. The proposal by the depart-

ment is retrospective and so would affect officers on 12-year engagements who joined the Services as long ago as 1966. One of the attractions of joining the Services on a shortervice commission has been the ax-free gratuity, which officers are traditionally used to set temselves up in civilian life. Recruitment for that type of service is likely to be radically affected if the rules are

changed.

There is a strong feeling among the officers who would be affected if the department's plan goes through that the Government is going back on a bergain it struck when they entered the Service. They were ser of the distance and units and Parish to the series slightly heartened yesterday by the knowledge that the Ministry of Defence, their employer, is fighting the case on their behalf within the Civil Service.

within the Civil Service.

The Department of Health and Social Security said last night, "The White Paper Strategy for Pensions in 1971, which introduced the preservation of pensions proposals, made it clear that members of the Armed Forces "would the Armed Forces would normally have to be provided with preserved pensions on the same basis as members of any other occupational pensions

"It was recognized that these proposals would have implications for the arrangements by which certain officers receive a granuty at the end of their Government's view is that it would be inconsistent with the alm of preservation to allow the payment of a gratuity to take payment of a gratuity to take away the right to a preserved pension, since such arrangements are not available to any other occupational pension scheme and its members."

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'Irregularities' at mental hospital

Detectives are questioning staff at Carstairs state mental hospital, Strathclyde over allegations of irregularities, including the taking of drink into the hospital, it was disclosed yesterday.

The allegations were made by a doctor. A separate public inquiry is to be held on March 21 into an escape attempt from the hospital that ended in the violent deaths of a patient, a male surse an de policeman. of a yoyage round the British

talks about talks

# Move to save 100,000 students join tuition-fee protests

By Judish Judd, of The Times Higher Education Supplement More than 100,000 students from about a hundred colleges took action yesterday in protest

against the Government's proposed tuition-fee increases. There were occupations at about thirty colleges, and teach-ins, picketing, lobbying and mstrations at many Last night the National Union of students called for a one-day strike of its 800,000 members on March 9

Some of the occupations such as those at City, Brunel, Shef-field and Kent universities began several days ago and are expected to continue today.

At Warwick and Bath universities the vice-chancellors, Dr John Busterworth and Professor P. T. Matthews, took part in teach-ins in opposition to the

In London, students from King's College, Thames Polytechnic and the London School of Economics picketed the Department of Education and Sciences.

Mr David Aeronovitch, a vice-president of the National Union of Students, who manned

NUS headquarters, said: "We are extremely pleased with the way things are going. About a sixth of our total membership is involved. This shows how strong student feeling is."

Bradford university, which has already agreed not to charge overseas students higher fees than home students, in defiance of the Government's recommendation, called for a joint conference of universities on fees. Letters have been sent to all the universities in the country asking them to send represen-

Most universities are still considering the request but Warwick has already agreed to it. Some universities think any int action should be chapnelled through the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Princi-

Mr Michael Forsyth, chairman of the Federation of Conservative Students, said: "The day of action is alienating sympathetic people in higher education. It is making it easier for the Government to impose very bad, unfair legislation."

#### Cambridge company offers Gaelic by post

Edinburgh

A renewal Gaelic was r of interest in was reflected in the launch, yesterday of Gaichlig Bheo, otherwise Living Gaelic, which is claimed to be the first audiolingual correspondence course in the national language of Scotland.

An Common Gaicheelech, the foremost national society in Scotland for promoting Gaelic language and culture, commissioned the course, which is available from the National Extension College, Cambridge, for £30. Using four books and six cassette tapes, the tuition takes the beginner to Ograde learners' standard. The course is being appraised by education

Police allow

By a Staff Reporter
The Police Federation agreed

pertended to allow Mr Rees, Home Secretary, more time to consider the police pay claim before it decides what action to take in pursuit of its mini-mum demand for a rise of £6

a week. Mr James Jardine, chairman

of the federation, which repre-sents 120,000 officers, said its joint central committee had

heard a report on discussions

between its officers and Mr Rees which took place at the Home Office on Tuesday. The committee noted that Mr Rees had asked the federation to give

him a few days more before giving the federation his answer to the claims put to him. The federation wants the police to be treated as a special

case and is demanding increased

fringe benefits,
Two more police forces,
North Wales and Essex, have
announced the results of ballots

showing that a large majority of their officers want the right

The Waverley, one of the world's last seagoing paddle steamers, which operates on the Clyde, is to visit the Mersey in May for a test of possibilities

especially as Mr Foot had said that the Government aimed at widening the area of agreement and securing all-party accept-

ance.
Mr Molyneaux explained that

if the plans were on the lines of the old Northern Ireland for-

mula of a convention it was less likely to achieve a solution than that attempted in Ulster.

party of the United Kingdom, was denied fair and just repre

The UUUC was opposed to the Bill as long as Northern Ireland, which was an integral

Paddle-boat visit

to strike.

Mr Callaghan in devolution

By Our Political Reporter ward on the present basis.

Mr. Callaghan is to see Mr. David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party, today and Mrs. Thatcher, Leader of the Conser-bad not been done in the House, ward on the present basis.

Mr. James Molyneaux, their leader, said he could not see that cosy chats could do what had not been done in the House,

Mr Rees

more time

authorities for use in schools. Scotland has about 89,000 Gaelic speakers, mainly in the Highlands and in the Western Isles, where the local authority follows a bilingual policy. Interest in the language, litera-ture and culture of the Gaels is thriving. The most recent census showed a sharp increase in the number of Gaelic speakers for the first time, but the growth, according to Mr Colin Spencer, of An Comunn, has been frustrated by a lack of courses in Gaelic and suitable

Two years of work has gone into the course, written by Mr Jake MacDonald, senior lecturer in Gaelic at Jordanhill

#### Fewer marry and more are seeking divorces

By Our Social Policy

Correspondent

Marriages in England and Wales continue to fall in number and divorces to increase, according to figures from the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys. Divorce decrees made abso-

lute in 1975 numbered 120,500, seven thousand more than in 1974. The increase is about the same as that between 1973 and 1974, and suggests that the rrend has settled down after erratic movements when the Diverce Law Reform Act came into force in 1971.

Most people who obtain a divorce do so in their late twenties, and the commonest duration of a marriage ending in divorce is four years. But more than a fifth of the marriages that ended in 1975 had lasted more than 20 years.

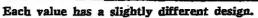
The number of couples divorcing while they still had children under 16 rose by 8 per cent in 1975, compared with 1974, whereas those without children rose by only 4 per

There were 380,600 marriages in 1975, 6,200 fewer than the previous year. Although the fall in first marriages was less than in 1973 or 1974, rates of first marriage analysed by age group were still falling, except for those over 30.

Remarriages of widows and widowers fell slightly, and remarriages of divorced people rose by 5 per cent. About one in six of those marrying were divorced and half of those marriad contents who was also married someone who was also divorced. The combination of two divorced people remarrying has recently been increasing by about 7 per cent a year. More than half the mar-riages in 1975 involved a religious ceremony although the







## **Philatelists** find jubilee stamps dull

By Craig Seton A set of four silver jubilee postage stamps issued to mark the Queen's accession to the throne was criticized yesterday as "humdrum", "unimagina-tive" and "old-fashioned" by philatelists attending the annual Stampex exhibition in London, but it was not without its

edmirers. admirers.

The stamps will be available at post offices from May 11 to coincide with a jubilee tour of the nation by the Queen, which starts in mid-May They are in values of 8½p, 10p, 11p and 13p, and are described by the Post Office as reminiscent of stamps 12—2ed in 1935 to commemorate the silver jubilee of George V. the silver jubilee of George V.
The 8½ stamp is printed in
pale blue, grey, deep olive, black
and silver; the 10p in ochre,
grey, royal blue, black and silver; the 11p in rose-pink, grey, deep magenta, black and silver;

Cattle disease down by third

beings, according to a survey

and the 13p in olive-yellow, grey, agate, black and silver. They were designed by Mr Richard Guyatt, professor of graphic art at the Royal College of Art, London.

of Art, London.

It was the similarity to the 1935 issue that brought much triticism and some praise at the Stampex exhibition.

Mr Douglas Muir, assistant editor of Stamp Collecting magazine, said the design was classic and he rather liked it, although the Oueen's expression

although the Queen's expression was rather severe.

Mr Charles Hodgson; vice-chairman of Stampex, said:

"They do not excite me. I am disappointed because here

was a genuine opportunity to design a new line." Dr Jean Alexander, a member of the Great Britain Phila-telic Society, said the design was old fashioned. Mr Denis Vigor, a collector from Amer-sham, Buckinghamsbire, said: "They convey little of what has happened over these past 25 years, and no thought appears to have been put into them."
But Mrs Lorna Swindells, London collector, was delighted with the design. They are

with the design. "They are right for a formal and tradi

More than threequarters of by the veterinary research unit dairy herds in England and of the Milk Marketing Board. Wales are free of brucellosis, the disease that causes cows to about and can produce the disease in human beings according to a suggest the desired to enadicate the disease beings according to a suggest the desired 1980s.

#### Community-care cash doubled next year ing centres for the mentally

handicapped.

terday.

Health authorities will get twice last year's money, in real terms, next year for community care projects financed jointly with local authorities, Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, announced yesterday. They will be allo-cated 221m in 1977-78, compared with £8m.

Joint financing was intro-duced this financial year to improve community facilities for the neediest groups, particularly elderly people, the men-, tally ill and the mentally handicapped.

The extra money has helped to halt cuts in residential and day care projects, the first to go in social service spending reductions. It has also helped hospitals to take a closer interest in rehabilitating patients who no longer need medical The new joint fluencing allocation will be shared among sreas in proportion to population but weighted according to

the number of people in priority groups. The present programme of jointly financed projects includes new homes and day centres for the mentally ill and elderly, com-munity hostels for discharged psychiatric patients, and train-

£4.138m in 1977-78, with an overall increase in revenue of about 1.4 per cent in real terms over this year. That allows for present pay and price levels and expected inreases up to the end of next March. The Northern, North Western and Trent regions, which

larger share of joint financing money will also benefit most

from the new capital and

revenue cash limits for the

health service in England, also

announced by Mr Ennals yes-

The 14 English national

health regious will be subject

the Resource Allocation Working Party says are deprived areas, will have revenue allocations of about 3 per cent more. The four Thames regions, covering the London and South-east areas that have previously been comparatively well endowed with health ser-sice money will be allowed invice money, will be allowed in-creases of about 4 per cent. Capital allocations will allow very few new projects to h started next year, but Mr Ennals made clear yesterd v

#### £8.3m European loan to help build aqueduct

The EEC's European Investment Bank is to lend the National Water Council £8.3m to improve water supplies to north-west England. The loan, at 8.75 per cent for nine years. is mainly for the construction of three aqueducts. The longest will run for 17 miles to connect the river Wyre with Houghton in Lancashire,

enother 14 miles long will link the Haweswater reservoir in the Lake District to the existing Haweswater aqueduct, and the Lune and Wyre rivers will be joined by an eight-mile aque-

#### Press group is expelled over closed-shop deal

Home Counties Newspapers, publisher of the *Riord Recorder*, where a postentry closed shop for journalists has been agreed, was expelled from the Newspaper Society, the provincial newspaper employers organization, vesterday, The agreement, under which all editorial staff joining the newspaper are obliged to join the National Union of Journalists, was held to be contrary to the society's rules and to bring into disrepute one of its

principal objects: maintenance

# WHYPROFITISN'TA DIRTY WORD KCLAYS BAN

Mention 'profit' and you're mentioning one of the most sensitive words in the dictionary.

The larger the profit, the more sensitive the word becomes.

It seems to be fashionable these days to knock large organisations which make profits.

(Although it's equally acceptable to knock these organisations if they make a loss.)

At Barclays Bank, we make a profit and we're proud of it. We live in a society which lives or dies

on the strength of its economy. The lifeblood of a thriving economy is

money. And it doesn't grow on trees.

It has to be made.

And we're not ashamed to make it.

Our profits come fairly and squarely from money channelled into productive industry.

Not from speculation.

dividends to shareholders.

What is important is not the profits themselves.

But what is done with them.

Ours are used in three areas. 1. A small amount is paid out as

2. A substantial amount is provided for taxes to the Government.

3. Most important of all, a large part of our profit is ploughed back whence it came. Into industry.

The more money we can make available for lending to industry, the better.

The better the opportunities to improve business techniques.

To increase production.

To become much more competitive internationally.

1975		1976		
Profit before tax	£142.0m	Profit before tax	£197.9m	
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# rative Party, on Monday, to discuss the future of devolution for Scotland and Wales. The talks will form a preliminary sounding to the Government's proposal that there should be all name talks and exploration. proposal that there should be all-party talks on devolution. Mr Foot, Leader of the House and the Cabiner minister responsible for the devolution Bill, is arranging talks with the nationalist parties in the Commons again on an exploratory basis to discover whether there could be an all-party meeting. While the Scottish National Party has announced that it will Party has announced that it will

sentation in the House of Comintroduce its own Bill on devolu-tion the view of the United mons and remained deprived of any devolved powers of an assembly above the level of district councils. Ulster Unionists yesterday was that they could see no way for-SNP assembly plan gets

#### cool reception from rivals From a Staff Reporter Labour members representing

Few people in Scotland beheve that the Scottish National Party's proposal to introduce a Bill for a Scottish assembly will

meet with any favour in Parlia-Labour Party headquarters in Glasgow said yesterday that the SNP was merely trying to retain the political initiative after the defeat of the guillotine motion. The proposals were also seen as a nationalist tactic to win support at the Scottleh district council elections in May, in which the Labour Party is bound

which the nationalists must do One Labour Party member Labour in west Scotland at the admitted that the party faced a next election they were likely difficult job explaining to the lose to the Conservatives in the lose to the lose t

to be on the defensive and in

English constituencies who had wrecked the devolution Bill.

The Scottish Conservative Party said the SNP's idea of an assembly was unrealistic at the moment. The political parties had now to seek a basis of agreement. The SNP proposals showed that the nationalists wanted an assembly that would inevitably come into conflict with Westminster. A Conservative official added

that the time to start asking whether Scots wanted independence would be when a major-ity of them voted for the SNP. In the Tory view that was a distant prospect, because what the SNP might gain from Labour in west Scotland at the

# Report on boy killed by stepfather | Bill to curb urges more training for JPs in handling 'battered baby' cases

By Pat Healy, Social Services Correspondent Several government depart-ments are to discuss whether ted to his death. of the report on Wayne Brewer, aged four, who was killed by his steptather after being removed

home by magistrates.
The report, published yesterhay" cases, a special study of whether the Scottish children's panel system would be preferable to juvenile courts, and for said yesterday that the chair-

Taunton. Somerser yesterday with a lever to acquire addithat it was an inescapable contional resources was "at best

application was granted, against the advice of social

workers. The court imposed a

three-year supervision order in-

stead, and the boy returned home. He died at the hands of

his stepfather less than a year

childcare cases should be The magistrates decided to handled differently in the light allow Wayne Brewer home in spite of the opposition of social workers, who feared he would be at considerable risk from a care order and sent of injury there. They placed him under a supervision order. with a recommendation that he day called for more training should be visited three or four for magistrates to help them times a week, but staff short-in dealing with "battered ages in Somerset ruled that out. Mr Christoner Audrews, gen-

more sections of the Children
Act to be implemented.

Mr John Clark, chairman of the review panel set up to consider the boy's death, said in Taunton Sometimes was recommendation was impossible to meet. Declaring that he was doing it to provide the social services department with a lever to acquire additional services.

clusion that the magistrates' naive, and at worst utterly decision to allow the boy to go irresponsible."

Mr Andrews suggested that adopting the Scottish panel system should not wait for an independent study, and called for the full implementation of the parts of the Children Act allowing for independent representation of children in

Mr John Chant, director of social services for Somerset, yesterday supported the idea of the more informal of the more informal children's panel system being introduced in England and Wales because he was not sure that the adversarial procedure enabled magistrates to obtain the fullest information. He pointed out that psychiatric reports on the parents were not made available to the court when Wayne Brewer's future

#### Boy died after care order was lifted a health visitor received a

Yesterday's report is based on the findings of an inquiry launched after Nigel Briffett, aged 23, had been jailed for five years at Bristol Crown to the report suggested that the Court last October for the manslaughter of Wayne Erewer, his stepson.

Yesterday's report is based supervision order, which recommended three or four visits a week to the Briffetts's household by social workers, the report suggested that the court felt "there was some considerable degree of risk".

We think that the magistree may well have felt rejuc-Erewer, his stepson.

In April, 1974, the boy, who lived with his mother, Elaine, now aged 21, and his step
of the child as it would be of the child as it would be received as a harsh blow to a fother at Queen's Road, Bridgyoung couple anxious to bring their family together. We think the court overes-

water, Somerset, was taken into the care of Somerset County Council after the social service department had told Sedgemoor Juvenile Court of injuries to the boy, which had been treated in hospital. An attempt by his mother to layer timated the protection which moor Juvenile Court of injuries to the boy, which had been treated in hospital. An attempt by his mother to have the order revoked failed in March, 1975.

Three months which seems to have could find a middle course, whereas, in fact, there was the court of the court. Three months later a further

The report recommends that suitably qualified social workers should be treated as suitably expert witnesses when giving evidence based on professional opinion. The police should be invited to attend case con-ferences, where there was rea-The report says: "Greater emphasis should be given in the training of magistrates in the topic of non-accidental injury to children."

Referring to the court's referred to an

report from a neighbour that Wayne Brewer had a black eye. A case conference might have resulted in a decision to ask the police to investigate the injury, the report said.

That might have obtained clear evidence of ill treatment, which would have warranted an application to the court. The report noted that after Wayne Brewer had been returned to his parents no case conference was called. The panel considered that one should have been convened.

The report said that at first the panel found it difficult to reconcile the history of the child's last few weeks of life as seen by the social worker and others and the Crown Court judge's finding that there had been "a pretty long history of violence and intimidation" and systematic ill treatment ".

The report said: " We would have expected an experienced consultant paediatrician, social worker, and health visitor, all of whom were on the alert to spot any injury to Wayne, to have recognized it imme-

# breaches of planning laws progresses

By Our Parliamentary Staff

A private member's Bill to extend the powers of local planning authorities to serve stop notices under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1971, was successfully piloted through its committee stage in thee Commons yesterday by its promoter, Mr Dudley Smith, Conservative MP for Warwick

and Leamington.

Mr Smith told the standing committee that the main aim of his Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill was to try to stamp out those who had a flagrant disregard for others through breaches of planning controls that particu-larly affected local residents. He cited businesses involving banging, loud noises, burning of tyres and other unsocial activities inappropriate to residential areas.

Mr Barnett, Under-Secretary of State for the Environment, said the Government was generally in favour of the five-page Bill, which was also sup-ported by backbench Labour, Conservative and Liberal MPs during the committee stage, which took only 55 minutes.

Amendments moved by Mr Smith to provide that stop notices might not prohibit the use of land for the purposes of siting a residential caravan and to the long title to allow the Secretary of State for Wales to exercise some of the Bill's provisions were accepted.

The Bill gives local planning authorities who have served an enforcement notice in respect of any land power to serve a stop notice prohibiting the car-rying out of any activity that is alleged in the enforcement notice to constitute a breach of planning control.

Provision is made for pros-ecution of people contravening a stop notice. Consequential amendments are made to the provisions of the Act concerning compensation for loss due to the service of a stop notice. Powers are given to the Secretary of State to require information about the uses of





Mr Frankie Howerd, OBE, the comedian, and Sir Norman Hartnell, KCVO, dressmaker to the Queen, outside Buckingham Palace yester-day after receiving the insignia of honours awarded at the new year.

By Ronald Kershaw
Detailed proposals for exploiting coal reserves known to extend from Thorne, South Yorkshire, eastwards into Lincolnshire and northwards to Humberside are being prepared by the Yorkshire area head-quarters of the coal board for

board. The board said yesterday that efforts were being directed towards assuring supplies of coal until the year 2000 and

submission to the national

Coal board officials are un-certain of the tonnage available but restrict themselves to saying that there is "a lot of coal". Detailed provings of the Thorne field have gone four or five miles beyond the previous Thorne colliery workings to such places as Swineflet and Crowle, in Humberside.

#### £5,000 a crash

The estimated average cost to the community of a motorway accident involving injury is £5,000, Mr Horam, Under-Secretary of State for Transport, said in a parliamentary written reply

# Coal supply plans beyond year 2000 Proportion of foreign students worries TUC By Sue Reid of The Times education finished at 16. It was By Sue Reid of The Times Higher Education Supplement

Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, expressed concern yesterday over the high number of overseas students occupying higher and further education places.

He said the TUC was concerned about the many openings to engineering and technology courses that had not been taken up by home students and he disclosed that 37 per cent of students on full-time polytech-nic courses in these subjects were from abroad.

"I accept that it is desirable that we should encourage overseas students to study here and I can understand the argument that Britain has an important contribution to make to the third world.

"But the tragedy is that this is not part of a conscious or planned policy for overseas aid but a by-product of the failure of British education and industry to generate the supply and demand of scientists and engineers for British industry."

He said at a conference in London to mark the tenth anni-versary of polytechnics that the situation illustrated the defect that for the most British people

education finished at 16. It was also lamentably true that the proportion of higher-education places filled by manual workers' children had not significantly changed since the Second World War. The TUC had made pro-posals to give mature people access to education. Institutions should be prepared to waive the normal entrance requirements and set progressively rising targets for the intake of un-

qualified mature students. Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education Science, who said she was dis-appointed by the level of expansion in part-time polytech-nic courses, called on industry to identify its needs. "We must encourage more young people to aim for a career in the wealth-producing industries on which this country's future so

largely depends", she said. Overseas students had much to contribute to higher educa-tion, but their numbers had to reflect the needs of underdeveloped countries.

Mr Charles Clarke, president of the National Union of Students, told the conference that four fifths of the overseas students in higher and further education were from the under-

# BBC plan to show all of Shakespeare to cost £5m

By our Arts Reporter

The BBC's plan to produce all 37 plays of Shakespeare on television over six years, beginning next January. is to con-£5m. About two fifths of that will be paid by Time Life of America, but the BBC will ration artistic control.

In each of the six years BBC 2 will present a six-week season, probably in the autumn of at least six plays. The BRC emphasized yesterday that its main aim would be to provide entertainment for British viewers, but it hopes also that American universities may buy

copies of the plays. The provisional list of the first six plays is: Romeo and Juliet, A Midsummer Night's Dream, King Lear, Richard III. The Tempest and Othello. Each programme will run for about two and a quarter hours, which means that some of the plays will be split. The three parts of *Henry VI*, for example, will be recorded as two plays, and *Hamler* may be produced in

Some of the plays will be filmed on location: Henry VIII at Berkeley Castle, As You Like It at Glamis, for example. No decisions have been taken about foreign locations or about casting, but Mr Cedric Messina, the producer who will launch the project, is to seek leading. British actors and actresses.

The style of the plays is to be studied carefully. Mr Sham Sutton, head of BBC television drama, said yesterday that the style must be valid for the next 12 years, allowing for the initial six-year period repeats.

"There is no question", he said, " of our giving the project a mid-Atlantic look. Any attempt to do that would result in its sinking without trace in those cold waters."

#### Visit to Canada

Mr Callaghan is to visit. Canada on March 12 for talks with Mr Trudeau, the Prime Minister. He will be accompan-ied by Dr Owen, the Foreign

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#### Witness made allegations against 42 policemen

James Humphreys, the former his pornographic bookshops in club owner, said at the Central London he dealt in inter-Criminal Court yesterday that national pornography in Hol. he had made allegations about 42 police officers. He had made the allegations since being sentenced to eight years' im-prisonment for his part in a knife attack on his wife's lover, a crime he insists he did not

was engaged in international pornography, sex boutiques and strip clubs, and once had an

Asked if his fortune from all Asked it his fortune from an his interests was nearer £500,000, Mr Humphreys said he did not keep books of accounts. His income was something like £100,000 a year in each

cash.
Mr Humphreys was giving evidence at the trial of six former detectives with the obscene publications squad.
They have variously denied 27 charges of conspiracy and accepting bribes from porno-

coarges of consolicacy and accepting bribes from pornogrambic traders.

The defendants are Wallace Virgo, aged 59, a former commander, of the Wallad Garden, Horse Lane Orchard. Ledbury, Hereford: Alfred Moody, aged 51, retired detective chief superintendent, of Ellesmere Road, Weybridge, Surrey: Rodney Lawrence Tilley, aged 46, a former detective inspector and now licenses of the Rule and Square, Ediesborough, Buckinghamshire; Leslie Frank Alton, aged 48, a retired police inspector, of Harefield Avenue, Cheam, Surrey; Bernard Peter Brown, aged 44, a retired detective constable, now publican of the Plough Inn, Coldharhour, Dorking, Surrey; and David Garett Lee Hamer, aged 34, a detective sergeant suspended from duty, of Courtwood Lane, Addington.

Cross-examined by Mr Robin

Cross-examined by Mr Robin Simpson, QC, for the defence of Mr Moody, Mr Humphreys said he once had a villa at Ibiza, a yacht, and a form at Hawkhurst, Kent, Apart from land, Denmark, Sweden and the

United States.

He illegally imported pornography into Britain and had
had several loads seized by the customs. He became alarmed and des-

pondent after learning that Det Chief Supt Bert Wickstead, of mr. Humphreys agreed that, chief Supt Bert Wickstead, of spart from his chain of pornother serious crimes squad, was graphic bookshops, which earnt after him. Mr Humphrey him £216,000 in three years, he admitted associating with well known criminals. He also re-called being arrested by Mr Wickstead's team near Amster-

Referring to a Humphreys said he had a flouse in Greek Street, Soho, London, in partnership with Bernard Silver for two years. They rented the flats to some Maltese, who put prostitutes in them.

When it was suggested that his wife, Rusty, had been convicted of brothel-keeping in respect of the Greek Street address, Mr Humphreys said:

She had nothing to do with the building to the b The had nothing to do with it whatsoever but the building was in her name." The flats were let at £200 a week and he paid £1,350 a quarter for the building.

Mr Humphreys agreed with Mr Donald Farquharson. CC. for the defence of Mr Viron.

for the defence of Mr Virgo. that in one year he had bought two Rolls-Royces and a Mercedes for his wife, and made frequent holiday trips. He said his activities were antisocial and not criminal. But he was in contact with the police every day.

every day.

He had made no conditions with the police about his evidence but had asked for an inquiry into his case. Me Farquharson asked: "If you had not had that assurance. would you have given evidence in this case?" Mr Humphress "I do not think

#### Child-murder charge

Mrs Kay Cooks, aged 26, of Primrose Street, Tonypandy. Mid Glamorgan, was remanded in custody until next Tucsday by magistrates at Porth yesterday, charged with murdering her daughter, Gaynor, aged four on Monday.

#### Seamen remanded

Gregory Odiwe, aged 39, and Soloman Makinde, aged 34, two Nigerian seamen, were remanded in custody for a week by Hull magistrates yesterday, accused of being concerned with illegally importing nearly 300lb of cannabis.

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Preston National jubilee scholarships offering glittering prizes to sixth-formers who specialize in likely to be introduced by the

Mr Oakes, Minister of State for Education and Science, said yesterday that discussions along those lines were being held with the Confederation of British Industry, the TUC, the Department of Industry and other departments. The amount of money to be awarded and the number of scholarships were still being discussed.

Mr Oakes was speaking at a press conference at Preston, where the third of the Government's one-day regional conferences on education is taking place. He said that this year, being jubilee year, was an ideal time for national scholarships to be introduced. "They will con-centrate on excellence of practi-cal science and engineering, so that youngsters will see them at sixth-form level (age 16 to 18) as glittering prizes to which

they can look back in 40 years' time."

Mr Oakes said he was attracted by the idea that the scholarships should be tied to

youngsters who won them and take them on at the end of their academic studies.

He complained that industry was not tapping the talents of girls. "Engineering is a precise art. Girls can do it just as well as hoys if not better", he said. Mr C. G. Hallows, a Liverpool city councillor, suggested that 400 industrial scholarships should be awarded every year.
Miss Betty Lockwood, chair-

man of the Equal Opportunities Commission, said the Engineering Training Board had diffi-culty in finding girls to take up technical apprenticeships. It was difficult to interest schools in putting girls forward and many girls had not the mathematical ability to take up the apprenticeships. Most of the minority of girls who were good at mathematics intended going

university. Mr Oakes said that he would like hear mistresses to develop opportunities for girls in technical subjects to widen their horizons and to teach them the value of careers in industry. in teacher-training colleges and he wondered where they would

Doncaster asking the passengers

more sensitive to fare changes."

sent policy of tapering fares, where cost a mile falls as trip

length increases, so long as very

high rates a mile are avoided

impertinent questions.

#### Bus fares may be elastic but economics do not change routes between Sheffield and

By Philip Howard A transport study published today, after months of study and jungles of impenetrable socio-logese, comes to the conclusion

The study makes the remarkable discovery that increasing fares may reduce revenue, and that when bus fares go up fewer people use the buses. that off-peak reductions may That portentous finding is the actually increase revenue. It says: "While government thinkwork of the transport studies group of the Polytechnic of Central London, and is pub-lished under the title Fare Elasing and planning is (sic) based on the belief that fare increases have little effect on passenger listed under the nine Fare Liasticities on Inter-Urban and Rural Bus Services. The price of the 77 pages of the publication could also be described as elastic: £5 in the United Kingdemand, this study concludes that demand for rural and interurban services may be much

dom, £7.50 oversess. For the money, however, you get some remarkable insights into bus travel dressed up in even more remarkable jargon. Interviewers spent months on the buses around Morpeth in

Northumberland and on the

Murder charge

on short journeys. It finds that local factors should be taken into account when considering

Footballer banned Joseph Shields, aged 31, of Hall Place, Paddington, Lon-don, was remanded in custody Gerry O'Hara, aged 20; of Wolverhampton Wanderers FC, was fined £115 and banned from driving for 12 months bone Magistrates' Court yesterday, accused of murdering Emmanuel Alombab, aged 21, a student, outside Paddington

# could peg farm prices, Lords told

By Our Parliamentary Staff The Government, within the EEC's package of farm price proposals, would be able to fix prices for British producers so

as to give them scope for expansion, Mr Strang, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said yesterday. But he told a Lords committee on agriculture and consumer affairs that "if this is not achieved it will be because of the balance we have to strike between producers and

Mr Strang had said earlier that the effect of the support package on retail average prices in Britain might be about 4 per cent, or 1 per cent in the retail price index. But he emphasized that such figures must be looked at "somewhat sceptically" because much depended on production levels. "We ded on production levels. "We are talking about the effect of these institutional prices on market prices in the next year."

Market prices in the next year."

Much of the session was confined to discussion of what Lord Mackie of Benshie called "the bugbear" of the milk section, which he felt was the key to the whole package. "Will the measures do the job"? he asked the minister.

Mr Strang replied: "Judged against previous price proposals the current commission pro-posals are better than might have been expected. But judged against the scale of the Judged against the scale of the problem, which is the real test, they are a step in the right direction but do not go far enough." That was particularly relevant to milk, which he agreed was the core of the package. And that was world the difficult has a world the difficult has been as world. the difficult bargaining would take place.

The minister saw no case for an increase in the common price of milk. "We think this enormous surplus, which is very costly, is a monstrous mis-use of Community resources", he said.

The study supports the pre-Almost inevitably the butter mountain then came in for condemnation, too. Lady Tweeds-muir of Belhelvie said the decision to dispose of it was administrative taken by the com-mission. Surely it would be best dealt with by the council? And could not the butter be sold to pensioners or those on supplementary benefit?

Mr Strang said any issue of sufficient political importance could be brought before the council. And he added: "Whatever the procedural niceties, the Community's history shows by Wolverhampton magistrates the Community's history shows yesterday for driving with excess alcohol, without insurpolitical issue then it will be ance, and with a deflated tyre.



Bernard Leach, the potter, contemplating some of his finest work at the Victoria and Albert Museum. The museum's special exhibition, open until May 8, marks his ninetieth birthday

# Britons pay more to have taxes collected

Britain's taxpayers not only had to hand over more money to the Inland Revenue last year but also suffered the ignominy of having to pay more for the privilege.

The Inland Revenue Board, in its annual report for the year ending last March, says that while income tax revenue rose by £4,750m over the previous year its own costs of collecting the taxes rose by more than

It attributes increased overheads to changes in the two Finance Acts in 1975, the growth in the number of taxpayers, and increasingly complicated taxation.

About a quarter of the extra six thousand or so staff recruited during the year were needed because of extra work arising out of the Finance Acts. But more than half the extra staff were needed to deal with the increase in the number of taxpayers and their more complicated tax affairs.

more people moving into the higher income and investment income surcharge groups.

But the board says the higher cation of inefficiency. Efforts are constantly being made to improve efficiency.

One such move is the board's plan that by 1982 all routine collection duties and pay as you earn' will have been transferred to computer systems. By the mid-1980s it is hoped to have all routine assessment and collection functions transferred to computers.

Total tax revenue for the year amounted to £28,146m, with income tax accounting for more than half for the first time. Surtax payments were £108m, or 0.4 per cent of the total.

Surtax, which represented 2.3 per cent of the total tax revenue in 1971-72 will have fallen to

financial year. The Inland Revenue collected just over 64 per cent of the nation's tax bill, the remaining funds coming from customs and excise and motor vehicle taxes.

0.1 per cent in the current

During the year covered by the report the board wrote off The report says 600 people as irrecoverable taxes of just joined the Inland Revenue, at a over £26m. The main reasons cost of about £2m, to cope with were that the taxpayer was abroad, untraceable or insolvent or because the amount owed was too small to justify the cost

# Compulsory health insurance proposed

system based on compulsory bealth insurance and an independent national health in-surance corporation, the Hospi-tal Consultants' and specialists'

Association recommends.

In evidence to the Royal
Commission on the National
Health Service the association says a fundamental change in the philosophy behind health care is needed, and that minor adjustments to the present sys-tem would be ineffective.

The health service has been a great social experiment, but now faces a crisis because the premise on which it was founded has proved false, the association says. The universal availability of free health care has not led to a healthier nation and consequently to a reduction in demand for ser-

Furthermore, a falling birth rate has resulted in an aging population. The association says: "The paramount need is to improve the delivery of health care to patients." Its proposals would maintain the concepts of protection from fear of financial hardship aris-

By a Staff Reporter ment free at the time of deli-The National Health Service very. Compulsory health inshould be replaced with a new surance would encourage individuals to take an interest in and bear some responsibility for the cost of their treatment and that of people less for-tunate then themselves, it is argued.

The proposals have been designed for the majority, with special arrangements for the chronic sick, the elderly, and the mentally sick or subnormal needing long-stay or custodial

Hospitals should managed, the association suggests, by members of the munities served through local, autonomous, boards.

The association says: "Our proposals envisage a totally new system of control with minimal involvement by cenminimal involvement by central government, thus reducing the influence of party politics and eliminating the bureaucracy currently bedevilling the NHS."

it suggests that the compulsory insurance premums should be assessed according to an individual's means. The concepts of protection from cost of caring for the chronic fear of financial hardship arissick and the underprivileged ing from illness; universal should be paid by those who access to treatment; and treat- could afford it.

#### **New version** of TUC charter for women

By Our Social Services Correspondent

A new 14-point charter for woman workers was published. yesterday by the TUC to bring' previous demands up to date in the light of the new equal pay and sex discrimination laws. It says that too many employers are still looking for ways of avoiding giving women equal pay, and that there are too few places where working mothers can safely leave young children.

"Laws on their own are no: enough", the charter says. "Laws have to be made us work everywhere and that is why the trade union movement. Still sets out its aims for women in a special charter."

New aims added since the ast charter was published in-1975 cover occupational pen-sions, family planning and abortion. The TUC wants pension schemes to offer men and women the same cover in re-

turn for equal contributions. The charter supports the extension of free contraceptive advice and abortion facilities through the health service, and says the decision whether to use them is a matter for the individual. The TUC would oppose any restriction on access by women to family planning or abortion services. The charter also calls for better maternity. provisions than are available under the Employment Protection Act, and more help for. women returning to work after

having children. It calls on local employment offices and job centres to ser up advice centres for such women, refresher courses for women returning to the same kind of jobs, and training for those wanting to learn new skills.

The charter says local authorities should be obliged toprovide nurseries open throughout the day and round the year... nursery education for pre-school children, and activities after school and during holi-

The charter argues that should not be allowed to do jobs that might endanger their health or that of unborn children. Other aims include equality in education, job op-portunities, training and promotion and payment of sickness benefit, and an end to discrimi-

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# Commission puts curb on further exports of subsidized butter to Soviet Union or Eastern block

Brussels, March 2

No more exports of butter to the Soviet Union or other East European countries will be subsidized out of EEC funds for the foreseeable future", the European Commission announced here today.

the weekly meeting of the Commission under Mr Roy Jenkins, its President, and was explained, at a press con-ference tonight by Mr Finn Olav Gundelach, the Commissioner responsible for agricul-

He said that it was proper to external and internal disposal of butter surpluses; it might be more economic to sell at a subsidized price abroad but it brought no direct benefit to the EEC consumer.

management committee, which is made up of both Commis-sion and national government officials, tonight approved the Commission's decision by a substantial majority. Under EEC rules, the committee's opinion has to be sought Amid a public outcry over reports of heavy sales of butter to the Soviet Union at a third of the price paid by EEC consumers, the Commission last Friday temporarily sus-pended the authorization of

export subsidies. This action

came too late, however, to pre-vent the approval of subsidies for 36,000 tonnes.

Under the EEC system, a trader is guaranteed the level of the export subsidy he will receive for at least five months ahead, which takes account of the time it may take to ship The decision was taken at the butter to its port of destination. Subsidies drawn before last Friday's suspension can thus go on being drawn.

After today's decision, the subsidy will once again be available at its pre-Friday level of £910 a tonne, but the Commission has decided that "to monitor the quantities and destinations of exports of butteer, export licences will be granted only after a delay of three days after submission of

applications".
Mr Gundelach explained that the purpose of the delay was to give time to decide whether a proposed sale was justified in terms of the market posi-tion in the EBC and the needs of the intended recipient. As far as the Sovier Union and other East European countries were concerned, it had been decided that no more sales were justified for the time being.

tended "to review the possible methods of disposal of butter. including the relative communications rhe balance between efforts on the internal and external mar-

review, and the decisions taken later this month by the Council of Ministers on 1977-78 farm prices, further proposals might be submitted.

Sources close to Mr Jenkins that the Commissions decision to ban the export of cut-price butter to East Europe had been taken because such sales were "politically indefen-sible". No one in Brussels, however, disputes that such sales are the cheapest way of disposing of the EEC's large surplus, at present 190,000 tonnes in Community intervention stocks and another 40,000

tonnes in private storage. According to the Commission's calculations, for example, it would cost the EEC about £470m in internal substidies to increase butter con sumption in the Community by 150,000 tonnes. The cost of subsidizing the export of the same amount to the Soviet Union at the current rate

would amount to about £140m.
In the most controversial decision so far of his presidency, Mr Jenkins and his colleagues have judged that the political unacceptability of the subsidized sales overrides their economic value. They evidently hope that there will now be greater pressure on the Coun-cil of Agricultural Ministers to take action to curb excess milk production in the Community.

Man responsible for controversial deal hates the EEC

Things are different this time. To be a candidate on a list headed by a Socialist or a left-wing Radical, it is necessary to take a clear-cut stand on a problem of national politics. One must declare war on the "government of the right", as M Olivier Guichard, the Minister of Justice, wrote last week, and subscribe to the common programme of the left.

This "exclusiveness" of the Union of the Left means in the union's own words that "there are no longer local interests at stake, there are only national

The clamour and fury of The clamour and fury of "politicians' politics", as they are derogatorily called in this country, are about to invade hundreds of lesser municipalities. "The most important nationalization does not appear in the common programme," M Guichard wrote. "It is the nationalization of local government."

In Paris first of all, but elsewhere, too, the creation of joint lists with the Communists has provoked local tragedies and a good deal of heartburn among Socialist politicians, especially those of the older generation. In the mining town of Lens, the local branch of the Socialist Party has defied headquarters and refused to share the common lists with the Communists. In Marseilles, M Gaston Defferre will not go into battle

Altogether, joint lists have been set up—after protracted negotiation and pressure—in 185 out of 221 towns of more than 30,000 inhabitants. Similar not paralyzed by partisan con-The Communists have every reason to be satisfied with agreements have been reached in 400 out of the 587 towns of between 9,000 and 30,000

**J CHIRAC** 

Double billing for M Chirac in the Paris poster war.

these results. They are expected to treble the number of their councillors throughout the the country, and for the first time enter the councils of some The creation of the Union of the Left in 1972 has had the 15 towns with a population of more than 30,000, among them Toulouse, and, of course, the effect of injecting into local politics the divisions which dominate the national scene. In capital itself. the last municipal elections of This Communist advance in 1971, some 45 per cent of the nearly helf a million council-lors in smaller towns and vil-

so that their administration is

local government will, in the eyes of many observers, bring home in concrete terms to lages were elected on non-political lists "for the defence ordinary Frenchmen, who had hitherto looked upon it as a national by-play, the realities of the Socialists' alliance with the A long-standing tradition re-duced the contest in many Communists. And when the communists get a foothold in a municipality, as the experience of the "Red Belt" of Paris shows, they pervade the whole tween the outgoing mayor and his team, and a younger chal-lenger, both of whose lists might be a mixture of persons

> The bitter irony of the situa-The bitter frony of the situation is that whatever the ourcome in Paris, it will be bad
> for the Government: Bad, of
> course, if the left wins, but
> equally bad, if M Chirac wins,
> for his victory will mean defeat
> for the President's man, M
> D'Ornano.
> That is what the muincipal

elections are often described as the first round of early parlia-mentary elections, of which mentary elections, of there is increasing talk.

#### Pressure on news agency condemned From Our Own Correspondent

Taris, March 2
The French National Union
of Journalists today condemned
what it described as repeated
pressures being brought to bear

by the Government on Agence France-Presse. In less than a formight, it claimed, the management of the news agency had yielded on three occasions

to such pressure.

A different journalist had been appointed to report the campaign of M Michel d'Orrano, Industry Minister, in the Paris elections after the minister complained about the agency's coverage. The agency had also withdrawn a dispatch on the election campaign after-the presidential spokesman had complained about its contents.
Finally, the journalists said,
the management had decided

not to report a press conference held by the printers' union which is in dispute with the owners of Le Parisien Liberé. Last night journalists at Agence France-Presse stopped work for an bour to protest against alleged external inter-ference in their work The management says it did

not cover some of the charges levelled by the printers' union against the chief proprietor of Le Parisien Libéré because they were libellous.

It is said no pressure was brought to hear to change the

brought to bear to change the reporter attached to M d'Ornano, but that there was temperamental incompatibility" between the minister and

Helsinki, March 2.-Some 20,000 chemical workers went on strike today in what threatens to be the start of a wave of stoppages in Finland after failure to reach a national wages and prices settlement.

The Metal Workers' Union has called its members out from Monday to Wednesday. A strike by electricity workers is due on Thursday, and a walk-out by the ice-breaker fleet threatens for later this mouth.

The annual agreement ex-

# Mr Carter suggests worldwide swapping of homes for holidays

President Carter has urged the states' governors to help to promote a world-wide people's exchange. The way Mr Carter wants it to work is to keep the government firmly out of arrangements—but to have citizens encouraged to "double up " on charter flights and swap each other's homes for the duration of their holidays.

Entertaining the governors and their wives last night at a White House banquet, Mr Carter spoke with enthusiasm of the "Friendship Force", the Georgia organization he and his wife had supported while he was governor, which aimed to promote world peace.

He envisaged a gradual start, building up to a "massive thing". The White House later thing." The White house later suggested that most of the states might have half a dozen flights a year, building up to one flight a state monthly—600 a year.

Mr Carter apparently startled his audience with the proposal

his audience with the proposal. He recalled how he and his wife

From Our Own Correspondent had joined Georgians in char-Washington, March 2 tering, for \$200 (£117) a head, a flight to Recife, in Brazil. The "exchange" Brazilians used the airliner for their flight to Georgia. All were lodged in private homes, and used the same swap arrangement with the airliner for the return

Mr Carter suggested that all those interested should "contact Rosalynn" (his wife) who is apparently to head the co-ordination of the programma Mr Carter has never made a secret of the immense importance he attaches to people-to-people contacts. He even intends, as if soil on the campaign trail, staying in the homes of private citizens rather than at hotels on his planned trips round the country.

There were the usual toasts and entertainment at the White House banquet. But instead of watching the Fords dance on to the small hours, everyone got the message last night when the Carters suddenly said: "night everybody", and went upstairs. By 11 pm the band had packed up and gone home.

#### **Boeing's** 'agents' stay secret. From Our Own Correspondent

Washington, March 2

The Boeing company has won its court appeal here against making public the names of a prince and another 17 senior foreign officials to whom it paid at least \$77m to assist its aircraft sales. Boeing, which has never con-

ceded any impropriety in its payments, successfully argued that disclosure would immediately lead to such an association in the public's mind. The United States Securities and Exchange Commission, which is investigating the American company's unreported overseas pay-ments, had first sought a subpoena for disclosure, then abandoned the action.

However, several names were made public in yesterday's Wall Street Journal, which suggests that a new thesis about the payments is emerging in the government investigation. This is that ment investigation. This is that the payments were not always bribes for commercial purposes, but were, partly, Central Intelligence Agency rewards for favoured politicians overseas.

The paper names one Boeing agent in Saudi Arabia as a relative of the country's royal

tive of the country's royal family. It reports that in Iran, Boeing retained as an agent a relative of the imperial family, In London, the Wall Street Journal says the company "paid huge commissions to another Middle East power broker con-

sidered friendly Boeing officials insist that our overseas commercial sales activities we operate entirely as a private entity and not as an arm of American policy or

diplomacy ". However, other links between large American companies and the CIA are on record. There is the IIT (International Telephone and Telephone and Telephone and Telephone that the CIA tion) involvement with the CIA in an attempt to prevent President Salvador Allende coming to power in Chile. There have also been revelations of frequent close connexions between the Summa Corporation, owned by the late Howard Hughes, and the CIA.

Dr Coggan continues Solomons tour

Honiara, Solomon Islands, March 2.—The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Coggan, and his wife sailed today to the island of Santa Isabel, third call on his week's tour of the Solomons.

## Equal rights amendment is rejected

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, March 2
The Equal Rights Amendment has suffered another
defeat this time in North Cardina. This is a measure which
states that "equality of right
under the law shall not be
decided or shridged on account denied or abridged on account of sex" and passing it through the 36 states legislatures needed to ratify it is one of the main objectives of the women's movement.

Thirty-five states have ratified it since the amendment passed Congress in 1971. If the other three cannot be found by March, 1979, the amendment will be lost.

Every year, 'when the various states' legislative sessions open, the amendment is put up in those states which have refused to pass it so far. In the past three years its sup-porters have made very little progress, and their failure in North Carolina is a bad augury for the future. President and Mrs Carter lobbied vigorously for the measure, as Mr and Mrs Ford did last year

The amendment is opposed by conservatives of both sexes. The battle will be resumed in a number of other

#### Clive Barnes resigns as drama crinc

New York, March 2.-Clive Barnes, the British-born critic who reviews ballet and drama for The New York Times, is giving up the drama post, the newspaper said today.

Mr Barnes, 50, formerly bellet critic of The Times of Lundon and the Daily Express, joined The New York Times in 1965 as ballet critic. He has also reviewed opening nights on Broadway since 1967. The newspaper said the change will take place next autumn at the beginning of the

theatre, season. No successor has been named.—Reuter.

Correction

A photograph from Wellington, New Zealand, published in The Times vesterday showed the Queen dubbing Mr David Narman Perry, of Opotiki, New Zealand. An agency cartion wrongly identified him as Dr Charles Alexander Fleming.

#### Murder inquiry chairman quits in Congress clash From Our Own Correspondent want to enforce a House ruling

Washington, March 2

Mr Henry Gonzalez, chairman of the House of Representatives committee on the assassinations of President Kennedy and Dr Martin Luther King, has resigned.

In a letter to the Speaker, Mr Tip O'Neill, he again de-nounced Mr Richard Sprague, the committee counsel, whom he tried to dismiss last month. The rest of the committee then refused to support him. Mr Gonzalez has been at home

in Texas, with influenza for the past two weeks. His committee staff has not been paid for two months because he refused to sign pay vouchers and be-cause the House comptrollers farce.

cutting the committee's budget. The trouble started when Mr. Sprague announced that he would need \$6.5m (£3.8m) for the first year's operation, and continued in a series of public quarrels between Mr Gonzalez and Mr Sprague and between the House who think the whole operation a waste of time and

money.

The committee has been given until the end of this month to prove to the House's satisfac-tion that the investigations into the two murders should be reopened. On its performance 50 far, the committee stands no chance of doing so. Its pro-ceedings have collapsed into

#### Athens court jails man in Panagoulis death crash

An Athens court today sentenced Mr Michael Stefas, a fashion designer, to three years and seven months imprisdros Panagoulis, the hero of

the resistance against the mili-tary dictatorship.

Panagoulis's mother and brother withdrew from the court after the trial opened

assassinate Mr Papadopoulos. the Greek dictator. After the fall of the military regime and after many years in solitary confinement, he was elected a member of the Greek Parlia-

He was fatally injured on May 1, 1976, when his car swerved out of control and crashed into a wall on a road leading out of Athens. The Panagoulas family and the opposition press insisted that his death was not accidental.

that it was a traffic accident authorities to admit that he was driving the car that had Panagoulis attempted to collided with Panagoulis's car

'Red millionaire' cashes in again Paris, March 2 M Jean Baptiste Doumeng, the man responsible for the rale of the EEC's surplus butter stocks to the Soviet Union and lastern Europe, is a self-con-resed hater of the Community, ndeed, the ebullient French "red millionaire" is once said to have remarked that the EEC hould be "liquidated" Born an impoverished shep-

Lerd boy and now at 57 a com-mitted Communist whose success as a capitalist has earned im the reputation in France es the "super businessman".
'I Doumeng is fond of such exansiveness. But rather than teing part of a sinister plot gainst Western Europe, his outter deal is just one of a long list of profitable transactions through which he has cashed in on his capitalist and communist

During one visit to Moscow-he met Nikita Khrushchev and they became friends. Finding

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common cause in their peasant origin, they struck up a rela-tionship which was to serve their mutual benefit and that link with the Russian leadership continues to contribute to the Doumeng fortune. Today his company, Interagra, which handles the East-West deals,

is a vast concern.
Broad-shouldered with paunch and jowl, M Doumeng does funnel some of the profits he makes from his operations into the French Communist Party, but he likes the good life and has no idealogical qualms about living it. A fine stable is the result of his passion for horses and he runs his own football team, appropriately named Red

His dealings with the Eastern block began in a big way when he acted as the go-between for the sale of grain. This was fol-lowed by Soviet tractors for Algeria and then Algerian wine for the East. Then there were the celebrated deals in 1973 for

200,000 tonnes of surplus European butter and 250 million litres of wine for the Soviet

Union.

Since then the trade has been steady although M Doumeng has kept out of the headlines until the present EEC butter deal. Characteristically he has remained silent, and indeed Interagra has seldom emerged as the villain of the piece.

M Doumeng has come a long way from his humble beginning and, as many French critics.

and, as many French critics point out, probably got more out of communism than he put into it. Nevertheless, friends maintain that his political com-mitment is sincere and that the misery of peasant life framed his thinking.

But what constantly emerges is the image of the capitalist, despite his reported remark when appointed by the then Communist minister as the Administrator for Savings: have never seen a cheque in

# **Communists**

Siguor Enrico Berlinguer, the Italian communist leader, and M Georges Marchais, his

him a preliminary declaration with which to start the talks. He was ready to sign a joint communiqué on freedom. Its contents aroused curiosity in view of the moves against dis sidents in Eastern Europe.

car loads of riot police.

French counterpart, arrived in Madrid today for the Euro-Communists' summir meeting. They were driven to their hotel in a five-ton bullet-proof

communique which is not expected to contain a new def-inition of Euro-Communism

There were minimal security measures at the airport. Out-side the hotel, however, where the Spanish Communist Party has taken over most of the third floor, there were several

members of the opposition,

He said last night that of the

estimated 200 prisoners, most of them sentenced for belonging

to the Basque separatist organi-zation ETA, 15 "directly in-

volved in crimes of blood\*

pulse of the Basque country

over certain issues, including the amnesty problem and the

possibility of a trip to the area by King Inan Carlos. The king

Madrid, March 2

car, a present from the President of Romania to Señor Santiago Carrillo, the Spanish communist leader.

but rather a setting out of the three parties' common aims in establishing socialism in a pluralist society.

Señor Carrillo denied that

The meeting is protected by the Government but a cocktail banned. It has been replaced by a dinner for leading

# draw up ioint aims

From Our Correspondent

Señor Carrillo made two trips in it to the airport as his French and Italian colleagues

On his arrival M Marchais said that he had brought with

After lunch the three leaders began talks on the communique which is not

there were any important differences between the three parties. They all shared what he called "a common idea and the will to cooperate".

party planned for tonight was

taken against Globtik

Continued from page 1
their radio officer from the Venus and from another Globtik ship.

Mr Nevin said that when an official from his union got on board the Venus yesterday, he had found the waster Centain.

was not allowed out and there were two thugs standing outside his door." The captain had said he had ordered the boarding party to stay ashore, but they had taken no notice. He said the captain insisted that the Filipinos had not

a day of shame for the British maritime industry. The International Transport Workers Federation (ITF), which is trying to coordinate international action against the Venus, said they were investi-garing possible legal action for assault by the men hired to

There was an added threat last night that British dockers

He said the council expressed its disgust at the situation and

Mr Tikkoo maintained that taking his ship out of Le Havre. He said there were plenty of assault by the interest take over the ship.

Mr Charles Blyth, the ITF general secretary, said they had relied on the French authorities, who had abdicated responging a aboard.

#### Spain 'to free all political prisoners soon has visited most areas of Spain, more peacefully. More than

From Our Correspondent Madrid, March 2 but not the Basque country.
Senor Fernandez Palacios All political prisoners, includapparently spoke with the know-ledge of the minister, although ing those involved in crimes of violence, will be freed from Spanish jails within two weeks, according to Senor Martin Fernandez Palacios, who represents the Basque province of Vizcaya in the Cortes (Parliathe exactness of his words has caused some surprise in government circles. A senior official close to the Interior Minister said the amnesty granted by the king last July would be wid-

would be given to everyone had not yet been decided.

The official said the decision would be announced within a short time." There have been would be expelled from Spain.
Señor Fernandez Palacios
said he was asked by the
Interior Minister, Señor Rodolfo Martin Villa, to take the reports that the government will release most prisoners by Easter Sunday (April 10), which is the Basque national day. The campaign for a total amnesty has started again after a lull. Basques at first heeded to the Government's ban on demonstrations, but now they

are protesting again, although

but whether a pardon

10,000 staged sit ins at town halls and parish churches last The clamour for an amnesty

has reached such proportions that even Senor José Maria Belloch, the new government-appointed civil governor of Guipuzcoa, has committed himself to the cause. He told representatives of Basque proamnesty committees earlier this week that he was prepared to resign if there was not a wider

The proposal to expel some prisoners, who may very well turn out to be the same 15 as those recently put on a bargain-ing list by the urban guerrilla group Grapo, will present problems. It is illegal to exile any one without his permission. And such a measure is bound to enrage the country's ultra-con-

#### Finland hit by strike wave as pay talks fail

Other minor strikes bave also been arranged

From Our Correspondent Athens, March 2

onment for causing the death in a car accident of Alexan-

yesterday, maintaining that his death had been a politically motivated assassivation. Mrs Athena Panagoulis, when asked to take the oath on the wimess stand, said to the presiding judge: "What am I to swear, that it was a traffic accident

ment.

However, the judicial inquiry ruled out fool play after a long investigation Mr. Stefas was charged with man-slaughter through negligence after presenting himself to the

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equipment and instruments



investigation of P/M materials—"Powder lurgy-77", Minsk, May 24-June 6 Metaliurgy-77", The 2nd International Exhibition " Electrotechnical Equipment and Power Transmission Lines ". . Moscow, June 9-23 Building materials and equipment for their production-Kiev, June 21- July 4 Stroimaterialy-77 ". The 2nd International Exhibition "Railway Transport".

Materials and testing equipment used in foundry. Moscow, July 22-August 1 The 4th International Exhibition "Chemistry". Equipment for clinical treatment and research of ischemia heart disease. Tbilisi, October 6-17

Equipment and apparatus for drug production and

Moscow, July 20-31

Optics in science, industry, culture and everyday lite-"Optika-77". Moscow, October 13-23 The 2nd International Exhibition "Equipment and Technique for food industry, trade and public catering establishments ". Moscow, July 4-17 The 2nd International Exhibition "Organization of

technical service and repair of cars and equipment for

this purpose". Moscow, May
The 3rd International Exhibition "Agricultural machinery,



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Moscow, September-October

## political test in France From Charles Hargrove The mayoral and municipal

Mayoral poll

turns into

Paris, March 2 council elections on March 13 and 20 in 36,394 towns and villages throughout France have rarely been so political in character or been preceded by such a fierce campaign.

There are several reasons for this. These are the first to be held since the establishment of the Union of the Left, grouping together Socialists, left-wing Radicals and Communists. And for the first time in 100 years, Paris is to have an elected mayor of its own.

These elections are much more of a national political test than previous ones, because they are taking place within a year of parliamentary elections in which, for the first time in more than 40 years, the left has a real chance of coming to power. Municipal elections in France

have always had a strong political significance because of the intimate connexion between local and national politics. Local politics is the natural springboard to national politics. The post of mayor in a larger town is an invaluable—and extremely stable—political base for a parliamentary mandate.

M Jacques Chaban-Delmas,
the former Prime Minister, for instance, who has been Mayor of Bordeaux for 30 years, is also president of the Regional

Assembly of Aquitaine and an

and the centre. Local considera-tions prevailed 'over party. loyalties. The voting system itself pcourages this apolitical apolitical encourages approach to local government. In towns under 30,000 inhabitants, the voters can choose candidates from the different lists and make up their own selection. In towns of more than 30,000 people, where politics are more anonymous, they

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drawn from the left, the right

#### with them, though he has promised to share the adminiscan only vote for a single list World-wide action may be

had found the master, Captain Timothy West, a prisoner in his own cabin. Mr Nevin said: "The captain

offered an violence, had not carried any weapons, and had always obeyed safety instruc-Mr Nevin said the captain had Mr Nevin said the captain had now been relieved and was being replaced by a Captain McInnes, from the Isle of Skye. The union leaders said there was no question of a mutiny—under British law the crew are entitled to take collective action while in a port. They bitterly condemned Mr Tikkoo's strong arm "tactics and Mr " strong arm" tactics and Mr Slater said: "Today has been

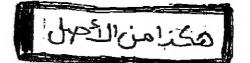
could take part in any action against Globtik. He said they were seeking a pay agreement for the Filipinos which would give an able seaman \$531 (£312) a month compared with the \$220 a month he

said Mr Tikkoo was paying. The union leaders strongly rejected Mr Tikkoo's accusation that the strikers had endangered the safety of the vessel, and Mr Nevin said the real danger had come from the boarding party carrying things like pickaxes. He said if one of these had been dropped, it could have caused sparks which might have led to a disaster.

could join in any action against Globtik, Mr Jack Jones, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said the union's council would give all assistance to the Venus crew.

condemned the ugly scene which took place shortly after midnight yesterday when the ship was stormed by 38 Britons hired by the company.

pired at the beginning of last month when the trade union federation rejected a proposal by employers for no pay in-creases.—Reuter.



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far has been on humane grounds—that Father Gafton has been forcibly separated from his family and friends in Britain-with the added point that he has come to be regarded in London as a first class unofficial ambassador for

Father Gafton had been hoping that the Church of England would make over St Dunstan's to the Romanian Orthodox Church, and this was being considered sympatheti-

Before he left London at the beginning of December, there had been some disagreements with a small section of his con-

# Johannesburg's white voters give their olidays verdict on apartheid

From Nicholas Ashford

White voters went to the polls o Recife, in Brazilia in Johannesburg today in the Brazilidas in Johannesburg woay in the fer for their illustration in the city's history. The homes, and wied post-Soweto mood of the 220,000 ap arrangement in registered voters is in favour iner for the registered voters is in favour iner for the registered voters in favour iner for the registered voters is in favour iner for the registered voters in the of greater racial integration or continued separation.

The elections were a threeway contest between the National Party (NP), which rules the country, the United Party (UP), which has tradirionally run the city, and the liberal Progressive Reform Party (PRP), which increasingly looks like taking over from the UP as the nation's main opposition party. The real battle of the election campaign was be-tween the UP and the PRP.

Canvass returns indicated that tainment is the life the PRP, campaigning on an iquet. I've have integrationist ticket, could well take control of the country's economic heart. Mr Alf Widman, the party's leader in Johannesburg, predicted that the PRP would gain an absolute majority in the city council. Previously the UP held 17 of the 47 seats, the PRP 16 and the NP 10. One was held by an independent and three were

> A PRP victory would be a clear indication that an import-ant part of the country's white electorate believes that the Government should rethink its segregationist policies in the light of last year's township ht of last year's township unrest. However, it would not mean there was a nationwide

swing to the PRP.
The PRP has always drawn its main strength from middleclass English-speaking voters living in Johannesburg's affluent northern suburbs, and to a lesser extent from similarly inclined people in Cape Town

The NP's power base, on the other hand, lies with Afrikaans-speakers living in working-class suburbs and the countryside. There is no sign whatsoever that their support for the Government's race policies is

Race rather than roads or other local issues was the main theme of the election campaign. The UP, led by Mr François Oberholzer, fought the election on Swart gevaar (Black peril) and the maintenance of the status quo-which means the continuation of separate facili-

ties for blacks and whites. Typical of the UP's campaign was an election advertisement yesterday's newspapers emphasizing that the party opposed racial integration in transport, residential areas, swimming baths, schools and the city council.

The opening of swimming pools to all races in white areas would create "immediate serious friction", the advertise ment said. The integration of schools would create "endless and needless racial trouble' The election of a multi-racial city council would be "contrary to the best interests of all race e squorg

The PRP, on the other hand, had called for the desegregation of buses, swimming pools schools and restaurants and "shared control" of the city council. However, Mr Widman has acknowledged that central government policy would limit the extent to which the party's reformist policies could be put

into effect The PRP's integrationist platform appeared to have the sup-port of the city's voteless blacks. A vote for the PRP was a vote for the million people of Soweto", the black news-paper The World said in a

# on the way, says Uganda From Roger Berthoud Wellington, March 2 leader

Nairobi, March 2.-President Nairobi, March 2.—President Amin of Uganda, said today he had received a letter from Kenya saying 2,600 American, British and Israeli mercenaries were crossing that country to invade Uganda.

At prayers in a Kampala mosque for Muhammad's birth-day, the president called on all Ugandans who knew anything about a possible invasion to The alleged invasion the

second in a week—coincides with expressions of concern in Washington over 240 American citizens, mostly missionaries and their families, who live in President Amin summoned

them all to see him after Presi-Carter's statement last week that recent events in Uganda disgusted the civilized world. After more protests work. After the meeting was postponed indefinitely.

President Amin said the Kenyans who wrote the letter to him reported mercenaries in plain clothes aboard an Ameridestroyer in the Kenyan port of Mombasa dnd a US Air Force squadron stationed at Nanyuki, Central Kenya.

An American embassy spokesman in Nairobi said there were no American war-ships in Mombasa and no American aircraft at Nanyuki. Radio Uganda said the letter described Nairobi and Mom-basa as "bases of imperialists," but the writers eppealed to the to take "serious action" as this

would endanger innocent Kenyans. President Amin thanked the writers for their "spirit of African brotherhood" and suggested the foreign mercenaries might be in Kenya to solve Kenya's internal problems. He did not elaborate. -Reuter.

New invasion | Muldoon long-term plans for a trade agreement with the European Community

# Tough politician who has lambs on his mind

New Zealanders are not generally considered to be very emotional people. But about Mr Robert Muldoon, their Prime Minister, they have extremely strong feelings. Few New Zealanders feel indiferent to Mr Muldoon. They

either love him or loathe him.
Those who dislike him accuse him of having appealed to the baser emotions of the electorate over such issues as Polynesian immigration during the campaign which swept him and his National Party to power in the general election of November, 1975. They accuse him of being arrogant and aggressive, and of lower-ing the tone of public debate as when last year he accused a fellow MP of being picked up by police for homosexual acti-

decisiveness, his outspoken-ness, his grip on economic problems, and of course the popular appeal which made him a winner. Not even his detractors deny his intelligence, though some regard it as mere shrewdness. Some say that this power-fully built former cost accountant, who is 55, has raised the level of political consciousness of New Zealanders. Others saythat he has produced an unde-airable polarization of views. He himself has few doubts, about the value of his approach. "You have to be

issues", he said in an inter-view in his office in Welling-

"We have had politicians who qualify things so much that no one can understand what they are trying to say. It is very easy to do this, out of fear of antagonizing anyone. I take the opposite view. Among those Mr Muldoon has not feared to antagonize

are black African leaders who dislike New Zealand's sporting contacts with South "My concept of the Common-wealth is not a commonwealth in which one member is blackmailed by others into changing its internal policies ", he said. "We are certainly not going to change them, certainly not in a situation like this where there is such a high degree of hypocrisy." Other members

had sporting contacts with South Africa: South Africans were going to compete in the impending women's tennis and bowling tournaments in Britain. West African boxers fought in South Africa. Even at the time of the African boycott of the Montreal Olympic Games, a South African cricket team was playing on the lawn of Government

They said this was not an official representative team, or some weasel words like that. Our policy is very simple: we are not going to interfere with the rights of our sporting assoapproach. "You have to be ciations to play with whom-fairly positive to get the ordin- soever they wish."



Mr Robert Muldoon: Either loved or loathed.

The Canadians, he added, had made it perfectly clear they would not cancel the Commonwealth Games due in Edmonton in August, 1978. But there might not be any black

Mr Muldoon will doubtless be somewhat more the diplomat when he comes to Brussels. Bonn and London later this month. His main aim will be to impress on the new European Commission that Zealand . " desperately needs to retain a market in the United Kingdom particularly, and in continental Europe to the greatest degree possible".

The most important thing

cheese exports, and to under-line the "absolute necessity" leaders of the Peace Moveof retaining the British market ment, to let in a few refugees,

We reckon to kill something in the order of 22 million lambs a season, of which some 18-20 million go to the United Kingdom, Any diminution of that access would be disastrous to the New Zealand sheep industry.

"There is talk of an EEC sheep meat policy, and it is being pushed quite hard by the Irish, who doubtless see a role in supplying greater quantities of sheep meat. But I think it is quite inconceivable they could supply the quantities we are

supplying."

In the longer term, his
Government would envisage
moving towards some kind of trade agreement with the EEC, a concept which some visiting ministers from member states had supported.

Slightly surprisingly, Mr Muldoon did not see increased industrialization as the chief growth area for the economy, plumping instead for fishing, forestry and, tourism, which last year attracted 385,000 visitors (60 per cent Australian, 13 per cent American). He thought there would con-

tinue to be very tight controls on immigration for perhaps three years : the present target is 5,000 net. Last year there was a net outflow, partly caused by the departure of illegal Polynesian immigrants, source of strength.

His decision, after a visit by from Northern Ireland has pro-ved controversial. "I was touched by the plight of young, people who find themselves organizations, want to get out. but cannor because of threats

of physical violence", he said. "And I was greatly im-pressed by Mairead Corrigan and the Peace Movement,

Some of New Zealand's own social problems have come from the concentration of population. including immigrant Polynes ians fresh from a subsistence economy, in Auckland, a striking feature in a country relatively so empty.

Mr Muldoon agreed that in many ways New Zealand still has many of its options open. There were some serious draw-backs: geographical isolation important raw materials were lacking, and the home market was small, to the detriment of industry. And wealth was unusually evenly distributed. But the people were adaptable and relatively well educated.

He could have added that the country is extremely beautiful, and although inflation last year. rotalled 15 per cent, unemployment is at only 1 per cent. For those outside, it remains in net outflow, partly ways a very attractive country by the departure of indeed—and that is surely a

# Joint aims for Afro-Arab summit

From Our Correspondent

Cairo, March 2

Foreign ministers of about 60 Arab and African countries meet in Cairo tomorrow to draft the agenda and make other pre-parations for the first Afro-Arab summit conference due to begin here on Monday. Afro-Arab economic coopera

tion is expected to be a key subject of both meetings. African states, most of which had severed ties with Israel several years ago in support of the Arab cause, are likely to seek increased economic assistance from wealthy Arab countries, particularly the oil pro-ducers. Many of the African

In a move to cement relations with African countries, the Arabs have established a special \$400m (£235m) fund to

countries are hard hit by infla-

tion and the recent increases

help development projects in ministerial meeting, The

expected to last three days, will prepare political and econo-mic declarations for the summit

The political declaration is expected to express support for the Arab cause, the struggle for black rule in Rhodesia, and African liberation movements, well as denounce apartheid South Africa. It will also stipulate that Arab and African national issues are considered joint causes for which both sides will struggle.

The economic declaration is to lay down the principles of consolidating Afro-Arab economic cooperation by creating various bodies to work out plans for development programmes. Liberation movements from Rhodesia, Namibia (South-West Africa), South Africa and Djibouti will attend

The foreign ministers and heads of state will be faced with thorny inter-Arab inter-African disputes including that between Morocco and Mauritania on one hand and Algeria on the other over the Western Sabara. There are also strained rela-

inere are also strained rela-tions between Sudan and Ethiopia over Eritrez whose struggle for independence is supported by Sudan, as well as those between Uganda and Tan-

On the Arab side there are serious differences between Libya and Sudan, Egypt and Libya and Syria and Iraq.

The Afro-Arab summit will be the biggest gathering of heads of state in Egypt since the second non-aligned summit meeting in Cairo in 1964. There are proposals to convene the Afro-Arab conference every three years.

#### Villagers ask Israel for aid against Palestinians

Jerusalem, March 2

Christian Lebanese villagers urrived at the border fence near Metulla today and asked for "aid" from Israel. They brought with them two casualties from a shelling duel between Phalangists and Palesinjured man.

The Lebanese proposal for a United Nations force to keep the peace in the sensitive southern border area has been greeted without enthusiasm in Jerusalem, though Government spokesmen are unwilling to comment officially until more details are known of the plan.

Privately, political observers are disappointed that Lebanon appears unwilling to accept responsibility for policing the border. They fear a United

Nations border force would be of little use unless it was of considerable strength. It would also presumably stop the work of the clinics which have been. serving Christian villagers from Lebanon and would end other exchanges through the fences-Military observers fear a United Nations force would be too weak to prevent guerrilla raids by Palestinians into Israel

but might hamper Isra attempts to mount reprisals. Rabin, the Prime Minister, is expected to make this point in Washington next week. He is likely to tell the. United States Government that Israel is reluctant to agree to. a United Nations force unless the threat of border attacks is taken into account Israel would consider an interim agreement. with Lebanon if these diffi-culties were surmounted.

#### Defections seen as 'stab in back' by Mrs Gandhi

From Kuldip Nayar Delhi, March 2

KIIIKSIIII Mahatma Gandhi's grand-daughter, who is a member of India's Upper House today resigned from the ruling Con-gress Party and joined the opposition Congress

Democracy.

"I have come where I belong", she told reporters at a press conference on the lawns of the home of Mr Jagiivan Ram, the chairman of the party. Mr Ram, the former Minister of Agriculture, left the Government and the Congress Perty less month in press.

gress Party last month in pro-test against the continuance of the emergency.
She said she had felt so oppressed in the Congress Party about the ways things

were done that she had no option but to resign. There was In replying to Mrs Gandhi's complaints that she had been stabbed in the back, Mr Ram wondered if there were any politicians worth the name in

the country whom she had not tried to humiliate. "Has she not betrayed the country on many occasions in regard to the economic programme that she announced he asked, adding that 'she could hardly expect honourable people to stay loyal to her for ever.

If people find her company embarrassing and not in the interests of the country, sho should not think that she was being stabbed in the back, Mr

#### Coexistence between rival Muslim sects at stake as rumours spread of revenge killings Syria on edge over college murder

Damascus, March 2

The Syrian police are still looking for a young man who walked up to Dr Muhammad Fadel, president of Damascas University last week and shot him at least 12 times in the head and body with a machine pistol, a few yards from the

The murder was a cold-blooded business. Eye witnesses say that, when the assassin ran out of bullets, he coolly loaded another clip into his gun and

After the killing he ran to a motor cycle at the roadside with religious divisions. another young man in the saddle, who drove him away.

Mr Fadel was a leading jurist and one of the men who helped to lay down the constitution for the Federation of Arab Republics" before the abortive Egyptian-Syrian unity attempts in 1958. Perhaps more important to the Government is the motive behind the killing. What the Syrian press did not pub-licize was that Mr Padel was a prominent Muslim Alawire and

close adviser of President Alawite Muslim sect, which believes that Ali, the son of the prophet Muhammad, was God's incarnation, com-

Religious Affairs Correspondent

Orthodox Patriarchy to the

Archbishop of Canterbury, a kind of ecclesiastical ambassa-

dor, and is also parish priest of the Romanian Orthodox con-

gregation of St Dunstan's, Fleet Street.

Gafton, have permanent residence status in Britain. They

first came here more than 10 years ago, and their one child.

grown-up son, is also in the

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Coggan, is understood to be personally concerned

about Farher Gafton's treat-ment, and it is believed the matter was raised when a lead-

ing Romanian churchman, Bishop Anthony, visited Lam-beth Palace late last year.

The British Foreign Office has been informed of Lambeth

Palace's concern, though neither the Government nor the Church

of England wants to appear to be interfering in Romanian

The main emphasis in repre-

sentations to the Romanians so

church affairs.

He and his wife, Mrs Angela

of Syria's population. During the French mandate, they were largely excluded from govern-ment office but many found the Army still open to them.

Once the armed forces began to control the politics of Syria, therefore, the Alawites came to prominence at the expense of the Sunni Muslims who make up about 80 per cent of the

President Assad is himself an Alawite but has striven over the past seven years, with re-markable success, to create a unified state unaffected by

This was one of the reasons why the civil war in the ism had failed to heal the enormous social differencesappeared as such a threat to Syrian stability and why President Assad chose to send in his army to end the conflict. Thus the murder of Dr Fadel

was particularly worrying for the Government, and the rumours which followed his death made it even more so. On the day of his death reports began to circulate in Damascus that a leading member of the Syrian Baath Party in the city, Sunni Muslim had been murnorthern Syriz brought even more frightening tales. A Sunni Muslim had been shot dead in Homs, according to one report, and several Alawites murdered

The Government says the reports are lies, presumably con-cocted to enceurage subversion. Yet the rumours represent a serious problem. In the past 18 months Syria has witnessed a return to the kind of violence and assassination that plagued

its early years of independence.
One of the few vestiges of confessionalism left in Syria is the system of religious domestic courts. Sunni Muslims or Alawites anxious to arrange a divorce or deal with an inheritance may still go to their own tribunals. Dr Fadel sat on

one such court. President Assad is now widely respected among Western diplomats and politicians as an Arab leader of growing international stature and there is no doubt that he is trying gently to lead his country towards a more positive and open society. The coming months will show whether his statesmanship can overcome the cancer which, in quite different form, broke up Syria's western neighbour with such horrifying consequences for 19 months.

# Chinese let Mao's widow read press attacks

Peking, March 2.—Mao Tse-Chiang Ching and her asso-tung's widow, Chiang Ching, ciates could "follow the cam-and the three other radical paign against them, and see arrested last October are not being held in complete isolation from the outside

world, a Chinese source in Peking said today. They are encouraged to read official newspapers, they can listen to the radio, and they are allowed to watch television. Observers noted that the articles in the press and the

almost entirely devoted to vir-ulent denunciations of the "gang of four".

Yesterday evening Chinese television showed for the first time a play which Chiang Ching is accused of having censored for over 10 years. In this way, the source said,

how they are criticized and what they are accused of." Since their arrest on October 7, exactly a month after the death of Chairman Mao, the "gang of four" has been likened to Liu Shao-chi. the head of state purged during the Cul-tural Revolution, and Marshal Lin Piao, the Defence Minister who died in 1971 in mysterious

It is still not known where Chiang Chiang and her associates are being held. A Chinese source had earlier indicated that their microles and dicated that their mistakes and crimes were so huge that it was not even possible for them make a self-criticism.-Agence France-Presse.

#### Jailed poet wins South African literary award

Johannesburg, March 2.-Breyten Breytenbach, the jailed a literary prize awarded by the pro-government press, for a book of poems written in

prison. Mr Breytenbach was sentenced in 1975 to nine years' imprisonment for alleged sub-version on behalf of the banned African National Congress.

The prize was awarded by the Perskor group which owns Die Transvaler and other Afrikaans newspapers. It is for a collec-tion of poems entitled Voetskrij (Footnote). The prize money of 2,000 rand (£1,350) has been handed over to the poer's brother.-Agence

#### dered in revenge. Throughout London priest 'tricked into returning to Romania' By Clifford Longley

gregation about parish affairs, though one of his friends suggested that this could have been the work of agents provocateurs, to supply grounds for Father Gafton's recall to The Very Rev Lucian Gafron, the best known Romanian priest in London, has been enticed back to Bucharest on a false pretext and is not being allowed Last year a message was to rejoin his wife in Britain, according to sources in the given to Father Gafton that his father, the Bishop of Rimnicu-Church of England. was dying. Father Father Gafton is the official representative of the Romanian Gafton promptly went to Romania, found his father was

> return to London. Apparently no-reason was given. Since then he has been teaching "social collaboration", said to be a euphemism for Marx-ism-Leninism, at the Bucharest theological institute. Although the appointment at the institute is technically a promotion, one friend remarked that for an apolitical priest like Father Gafton, the job would be more of a punishment. It is also believed that Father Gafton has been kept under some sort of been kept under some sort of

quite well, and was then told he would not be allowed to

surveillance in Bucharest, and his private life restricted. One fear in London is that allegations of immorality might be manufactured against him, almost a standard procedure when communist governments want to discredit a prominent

No one in the Church of England appears to know why Father Gafton has earned his Government's displeasure, if indeed he has.

One innocent explanation of his treatment is that the Romanian church feels, as a matter of policy, that its repre-sentatives abroad ought not to put down roots too deeply in any one foreign country. That any one foreign country. That theory would be put to the test if Father Gafton was allowed to return to Britain to settle his affairs, and offered another post in the West.

A close family friend said yes-terday: "He went back to Bucharest against his better judgment. His father's health was his one Achilles heel. A lot of us would say that Lucian is an excellent envoy to Britain. He is Romania with a human

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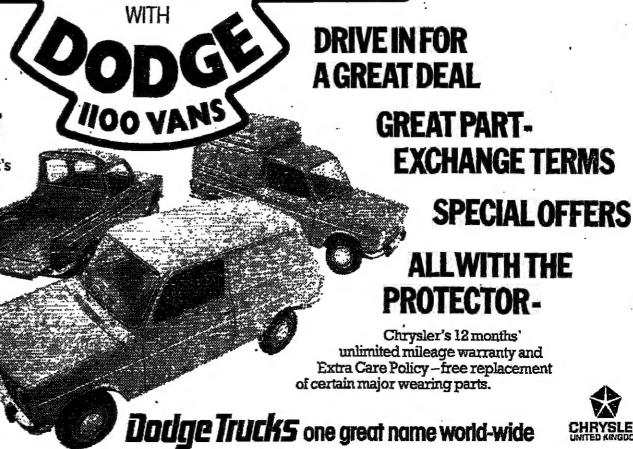
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# Dr Owen critical of **UN resolution** on Uganda deaths

The rejection by the United Nations Human Rights Commission Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva vesterday of the British proposal for an independent inquiry into the deaths of the archbichop and two cabinet ministers in Uganda was disappointing. Dr David Owen, Secretary of State for Engaging and Commonwealth Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said. The resolution which Commonwealth had been adopted was insuffi-ciently firm, far-reaching or effec-

tive, he added.

His remarks came during exchanges in which Mr Robin Corbett (Hemel Hempstead, Lab) had asked: When Dr Owen next planned to meet the American Secretary of State.

Or Owen—President Carter has in-vited the Prime Minister to visit Washington from March 10 to 12, I wasnington from March 10 to 12. I shall accompany him and I also look forward to holding discussions with Mr Vance in the course of the visit.

Mr Corbett—Will he consider discussing with Mr Vance what help Britain, as a second rate nuclear power, can give to the fulfilment of President Carter's inauguration pledge to try to rid this planet of the scourge of nuclear weapons?

Will he discuss with him what participate into the Angle American inispecific joint Anglo-American ini-tiative can be taken to make progress in the Salt talks as a way to cure the economic problems of

Dr Owen-The strategic arms limiration talks are between the United States and Russia but Britain nas a vital interest in them. I consider a vital interest in chem. I constant a successful conclusion to the agreement strongly in the interests of everyone in the world.

I have never made any secret of my belief in puclear disarmament.

What are needed are sensible rea-listically negotiated settlements and that is the clear intention of the new administration, which was emphasized by President Carter in his inaugural speech.

Mr Winston Churchill (Stret-ford, C)-Will Dr Owen appreciate that the American Government is concerned with the Russian no clear supersonic strike bomber. Backfire? Their particular concern Backfire? Their particular concern is the enouragement of this Government to certain British firms, principally Lucas Aerospace and Plessey, which are providing high technology for improving the TU144, which happens to be the same engine which fires the Backfire.

This might give this bomber a two way capability of crossing the Atlantic from Soviet bases to

Dr Owen-The transfer of high technology is a matter of concern and usually discussed confiden-tially between us and the Americans. If they are concerned about it, no doubt they will raise it with me in Washington.

Mr Greville Januer (Leicester, West, Lab)—Will Dr Owen express his appreciation to the Americans for their support of Britain's proposal at the United Nations for our campaign on human rights, for an independent into the campagn on human rights, to the independent inquiry into the deaths of the archbishop and two cabinet ministers in Uganda?

Is it not disgraceful that this proposal was rejected? Which of our Commonwealth colleagues saw fit to vote against it or abstain? Dr Owen-I welcome the position of the American Government on the whole problem of Uganda and I am disappointed our proposal was narrowly defeated in Geneva

was narrowly defeated in Geneval yesterday.

I regard the resolution as adopted as insufficiently firm, farreaching or effective. This leaves us no alternative but to press for an investigation in the open debate due to take place shortly for a proposal which would agree with, but would be much wider than, the Umited Nations Secretary General's call for an impartial investigation. call for an impartial investigation into the deaths.

# **Europe elections in** Labour's interest

Making clear he looked for the support of Labour MPs on the Issue of direct elections to Europe, Dr David Owen, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said at question time that he was prepared to take time to persuade Labour MPs that it was in the interests of what many of them held very close to have proper scrutiny of the Common Market and of the Commission through a directly elected European assembly.

Mr Neil Marten (Banbury, C) had asked: In view of the increasing unpopularity of the Common Market in both Britain and Denmark—tips is a helpful suggestion—(laughter)—to ask the Common Market if they should not reconsider the whole question of direct elections and at the same time, in the mostible enlargement elections and at the same time, in tiew of the possible enlargement through Spain, Portugal, Greece and so on, to ask what the Community considers are the aims of the Common Market?

Dr Owen-Reconsideration has occurred in Denmark and they are taking steps towards meeting the May-June. 1978, target date. Everybody must try to seek to carry public opinion forward in any aspect that affects direct elections. That is the Government's

Mr Douglas Jay (Wandsworth, Battersea, North, Lab)—It would betterses, North, Laby—It would be better to clear up the scandal of the common agriculture policy—(Labour cheers)—before we wade any further into this Brussels quag-

mire. It is disreputable that, at the

the Soviet Union at one quarter of

br Owen—I have a great deal of sympathy with what he says. This deal could be criticized on many different grounds. When there are grounds for criticism we will criticize.

Mr James Spicer (West Dorset, C)—There were initially some difficulties relating to the French Government and direct elections. Can he confirm what other states within the Community seem to have problems in their approach towards direct elections other than the United Kingdom?

Dr. Owen—The constitutional court ruling leaves the way open for proposals to be put by the French Government to their Parliament. but they have not yet produced those proposals. No member state has yet passed the necessary legis-lation for direct elections. We need to keep that in proportion. The Government that has had the most difficulty hitherto appears to be the Danish Govern-ment, and they are relooking at

As to the electoral system, this is one of the things which the White Paper will cover and will make an assessment of the various systems. At the moment if we were to follow the select committee proposals we would be the odd man out. That is no reason against that. There is no necessity to have a uniform electoral system.

Mr Phillip Whitehead (Derby, North, Lab)—If it were true that the Commission and French com-munist millionaires are making the EEC more unpopular, would that not be a reason for more haste rather than less for proceeding towards direct elections? (Cries of "No".) It would be a mistake for the Labour Party to turn its back on the electoral principles of this

Dr Owen—I believe in democratic socialism and always have, and have never believed it is in the traditions of the Labour movement to turn aside from any democratic

process. What we wish to ensure is that the democratic process is re-flected in a variety of different

ways.

I would argue that the democratic process is reflected in the decisions made by the Council of Ministers. I would argue that the democratic process is reflected in the discussions on the Common Marker in this House. But most of us would agree that s system of nomination of members to the European Assembly is not wholly appropriate to the full democratic process.

Mr Donelas Hard (Mid Oron, C). for the Opposition—Can he con-firm the opinion given in an interesting survey in The Times last week that all the other countries in the Community, including France, now see their way to meeting the target date, politically and

legally?

If so, will he use better endeavours to bring this matter before the House without further delay?

Dr Owen—There will be a White Paper published in a few weeks. I am not going to be dragged into the argument any further than the argument any further than

Mr Jeremy Thorpe (North Devou, L)—He will gain comfort from the knowledge that this is one of the few issues on which the Government are assured of a majority and that must be a happy change. Dr Owen—I chose my friends with circumspection. I am fond of Mr Thorpe. He is a fellow Devonian MP, but I look for the support of friends on my side of the House. I am prepared to take time to persuade Labour MPs, even Mr persuade Labour MPs, even Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab), that it is in the interest of what many of them hold close, which is proper scrutiny of the Common Market, proper scrutiny of the Commission, to have that through a properly elected European Assembly.

# of charges of sanctions breaking

The Government would look seriously at any new evidence brought forward of sanction busting by any British company, irrespective of ownership, Mr Edward Rowlands, Minister for State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said.

Mr Ivor Clemitson (Luton, East, Lab) had asked if the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs was satisfied that no major British companies had been involved in the breaking of sanc-

Mr Rowlands (Merthyr Tydfil Lab)—I am generally satisfied that observance of sanctions against Rhodesia by United Kingdom firms. Where we have evidence suggesting breaches of sanctions. investigate this. Our record on we investigate this. Ou this is second to none.

Mr Clemitson—Has he seen the documents "Oil Conspiracy" produced by an American church group and "Shell and BP in Southern Africa" produced by the Anti-Apartheld group? They contain allegations and evidence that British oil companies have been engaged in breaking sanctions. This warrants a tull and independent inquiry. This is particularly important in the case of BP in which the Government are a major shareholder. Mr Clemitson-Has he seen the

Mr Rowlands-The report to which Mr Rowiands—The report to winch he refers was only published yesterday. We have not had a chance to look at the evidence quoted in that report. I will look at it seriously. If there is evidence of sanction busting by British companies, we will take appropriate action.

Mr Robert Hughes (Aberdeen, North, Lab)—The Rhodesian regime can only exist for so long as oil is delivered to it in large quartities. Since the only com-panies which could supply them oil are Mobil, Shell and BP, there is a strong circumstantial case that they are breaking sanctions, He should not allow the parent companies in London to say these are subsidiary companies, in view of their interest in Southern Oil.

Mr. Rowlands—It would not be right or proper for me to comment on what he rightly called circumstantial evidence. There have been occasions in the past when evidence brought forward on this score did not prove sound enough to take action. Any additional evidence will be looked at extremely seriously. seriously.

Dr Oomagh McDonald (Thurrock Or Occase McDonesa (1995)—When he considers the reports, he should bear in mind that BP Southern Oil is 100 per policies owned company, and cent a British-owned company, and one of the managing directors is a director of Southern Oil. In view of that, he should carefully investigate the claims against the purent companies by the Anti-Apartheid group.

Mr Rowlands—We will look seriously at any new evidence that has been brought forward of sanc-tion busting by any British com-pany, irrespective of its ownership. dr Julian Amery (Brighton, Paviion, C)—Sanctions were intro-duced long before terrorism began with the idea of exerting peaceful pressures on the Rhodesian regime. Terrorism has increased to a large extent and by maintaining or fightening senctions at present

or benteming sauctions at present we are becoming accomplices in the terrorist war against Rhodesia. Is this an acceptable position for the British Government to be in ? the British Government to be in?

Mr Rowlands—On his remarks of our being accomplices to terrorism, we would be accompliated to the whole operation. Calculations showed that as a result of the stoppages so far this year, including the toolroom dispute the management of the stoppages so far this year, including the toolroom dispute the management of the stoppages so far this year. rorism, we would be accomplices to the Smith regime if we lifted sanctions at this stage. This House, only two months ago, debated only two months ago, debated sanctions and approved the order, which has been done every time

for 11 years. Mr Michael Brotherton (Louth, C)—Sanctions have failed. The only people they hurt are the African Rhodesians.

Mr Rowlands-Sanctions have not Mr adwiance—Sanctions have not been as effective as they ought to have been but they are nevertheless a clear demonstration that this Government stand by what we said, that the Smith regime is illegal, and we do not intend to condone it in any way.

Mr George Rodgers (Chorley, Lab)—If sanctions had been Mr George Mongers (Carolin, Lab)—if sanctions had been applied vigoroosiy and efficiently the Rhodesian economy would have collapsed years ago. Will he have collapsed years ago. Will he hold an official inquiry into the allegations put forward yesterday i Mr Rowlands—We have estab-lished procedures for dealing with evidence in relation to alleged breaches of canctions and those procedures should be followed in

this case. Parliamentary notices House of Commons

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# Investigation Workers can kill or save Leyland: no more state cash until complete end to stoppages

had been no evidence of reduced industrial disputes or improved productivity at British Leyland and the National Enterprise Board had concluded that in the prevailing circumstances it would be unable to make further funds available for the cars plan, Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, said during the emergency debate on British Leyland. The Government, he added, accepted that jeopardizing its future by the position and the workers at Levland should know that their iobs and the company were now in their

Opening the debate, Mr Hilary Miller (Bromsgrove and Redditch, C), said the situation at British Leyland was grave because it raised serious doubts about the effectiveness of the present system of industrial democracy. There was a sense of bitterness, isolation and loss of confidence among the toolmakers—a body of skilled people who had undertaken long apprenticeships and had a vital role to play not only in this company, but throughout the industry.

unless their problems were resolved, the country would be faced with a grave shortage of people offering themselves for these apprenticeships, and the company and the country would be deprived of much needed skills. The toolmakers found themselves trapped by the provisions of the pay policy. The company faced the same problem because it was unable to offer a common starting

One of the main worries was that

date for the various rates of pay in the different plants.

The toolmakers had been driven by their frustration and bitterness to make an impossible demand for a separate negotiating unit, which ran counter to the thrust of company policy to reduce the number of units, as recommended in the Rufer report. the different plants.

or units, as recommended in the Ryder report.

The dispute was serious because the grievances of the toolmakers were being used by people who had other purposes in mind.

It had been disappointing to hear a minister (Mr Kaufman) suggest this was just a matter for the version and the company and the gest this was just a matter for the union and the company, and that the Government had no part to play. The company and the men were caught in this bind by Government policy. This was why the Government should tip their hand about the next phase of the pay policy to offer some possibility of a way out.

Mr Varley said since last summer disputes that taken an increasing toll of British Leyland car production. In 1976 British Leyland lost about one-fifth of the planned production schedules and while disputes were not the sole cause, they were by far the largest factor. This year, after a brief improvement during January, the position got steadily worse during February and last week production was down to only a third of the planned level. The prospects were that this figure was diminishing still further.

This failure to make the most of Mr Varley said since last summer

This failure to make the most of This failure to make the most of the opportunities was not a once-and-for-all loss. It was fast erod-ing the foundation on which Bri-tish Leyland's future as a volume car manufacturer must rest. The whole future of British Leyland was being undermined.

The effect on profits was critical

tish Levland cash position at the end of April would be 570m worse If there were to be an early full eturn to continuous working then return to continuous working then by the end of this year a substanby the end of this year a substau-tial part of this might be reco-vered. But if the strike continued, the harm to British Leyland's cash position would escalate rapidly.
Failure to generate sufficient cash within the company would be crippling to its long-term plans, quite apart from any decision by the Government to withhold funds.

Lab) unsuccessfully sought an

tions made against the Chief Cons-

seven years as well as £1,000m that was needed from external sources. That ratio of 1.5 to 1 made all too clear the point the Government had repeatedly made—that public funds alone could not in any sense secure the future of British Ley-

The future of British Levland (he said) rests largely in the hands of the company's own management and its own employees. Some of them, not all of them, I do not think the majority of them, are The procedures governing disputes had been recently revised with the full support of the AUEW and other trade unions involved. They ought to be observed.

There should be no circumstance in my opinion and that of the Government (he said) in which it is justified that strike action should take place without the pro-cedures that have been agreed being fully explored. To do this puts at risk the livelihood of every-one who works at British Leyland. Movements towards reform of the bargaining structure had not been possible so far because they would need to be preceded by movements towards a common negotiating date—and that in turn was not permitted under the present pay policy.

Demands being made for sena-

Demands being made for separate negotiating rights for different groups of workers would not help to rationalize the bargaining structure. It would have the opposite effect and it could be argued that it would only exacerbate the situation.

Leyland was in danger of reach-log a crisis even without the cur-rent devastating series of disputes. It was already clear the present plans would have to be reviewed. The NEB reported to me the evening before last (he said) and the Government have considered their conclusions. For reasons in commercial confidentiality, it would not be right to make available the whole correspondence, but I can give the House the outline of the main points.

British Leyland had reported to the NEB that since the major review of progress last summer there had been insufficient evi-dence of a reduction of industrial disputes or of improved producti-vity in Leyland cars and that the

British Leyland also stated that unless there was a substantial improvement in performance the generation of cash by Leyland cars are exempted companies of the generation of cash by Leyland cars, an essential component of the Ryder strategy, would be insuffi-cient to support the cars plan. British Leyland would then be

unable to recommend to the NEB and the Government the injection of further funds for modernization and expansion of Leyland cars. The NEB had decided in those circumstances it would be unable to make further funds available for the care plan. the cars plan. can tell the House (he went

I can tell the House (he went on) the Government accepts this position. (Conservative cheers and Labour protests. (Labour shout of "Sack Ryder".) Something which is sacrosanct for the Government is Phase Two of the pay policy. That is inviolable and there is no way we can break it. We refuse to take any action to break it.

If no further funds were available, consequence able, the inevitable consequence was a drastic review of the cars plan. The NEB's aim was still to see Leyland become a viable car manufacturer and that remained the Government's wish. There was, however, no possibility of achiev-ing that aim unless ingent action

There must be a complete return to normal working and to planned and agreed levels of output, and productivity should be achieved quickly. After continuity of production had been established, it must be sustained.

The period between now and the time when the next tranche of funds would need to be sought, must be used for discussions between management, trade unions and the workforce which would result in tangible measures offer-The company's present plans ing the prospect of a radical in-called for f1,500m to be generated provinent in industrial relations internally in profit over the next in Leyland cars in the future.

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Chief Constable's 'abuse of power'

Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk (Ormskirk, used an official car and police

emergency debate to consider the report on the conduct of the Chief Constable of Lancashire by the Chief Constable of Hampshire.

He said that it concerned the showed a distressing and alarming abuse of power by the Chief Constable of Lancashire who had an enormous potential to abuse that

The Government (he went on) have carefully considered the NEB's conclusions and objectives and we fully endorse them. Mr Norman Atkinson (Haringey,

Tottenham, Lab)—If private manufacturers, like ICI, made the injection of new capital condi-tional upon industrial relations and the number of disputes that existed, it would be treated in this It is a disgrace for a leading rade unionist like Mr Varley suddenly to enunciate a new method of this sort, when the management

is the cause of many of the prob-

Mr Varley-The NEB have put certain proposals to the Government and have asked the Government to endorse them. The NEB consists of hard nosed industrialism. Three trade unionists are members of the poard and while I do not say they are necessarily the sole arbitrators of this, the view I have put to the House and endorsed on behalf of the Government are the views of the VER collectivals.

the Government are the views of the NEB collectively.

The simple point I want to emphasize is this: nobody is more sick than I about this situation, I want Leyland Cars to be volume producers of cars. But the fact is that if this company is to be suc-cessful, it is not a question of the 51,000m of Government money in-volved, it is the profits. (Conservavolved, it is the profits. (Conserva-tive cheers.)

Part of the Ryder strategy was not only about public money but the £1,500m they would have to develop themselves.

The 1977 car plan could not be realized until there were dramatic improvements immediately. The 5100m would still go to British Leyland. The 525m was drawn by British Leyland last week. A further 525m would be required shortly for commitments entered into by British Leyland. If the situation deteriorated further, he would take an early opportunity to

inform the House. He wanted those at Leyland, in-cluding those on unofficial strike today, to be clear that their future employment and the future of their company was in their hands. They could kill it or they could save it. They would have no one else to blame or to thank.

He always had high hopes that Leyland could win through and succeed, for its workforce and for the country. That hope now the country. That hope now depended on the actions of the workforce from today onwards. Even now that hope could still be folfilled, but time was running out

He hoped that the serious state ment he had made would be taken fully into account by all those in British Leyland and that action would be taken quickly to put the situation right. (Conservative cheers.)

said that last night he talked with an AUEW convener at the Leyland an AUEW convener at the Leyland factory in his constituency outside Swindon. He was a worried man, not about his factory but about the whole future of Leyland. The convener said: "How can any company continue to lose \$12m a day through lost moderation and through lost production and remain in business? "The lack of realism of some toolmakers had reaism of some rootmakers had put the future of Leyland at risk. The possibility that Leyland could go under was grave for British industry and he was not certain that the political and social fabric would stand such a disaster. Mr Geoffrey Robinson (Coventry, Mr Geoffrey Robinson (Coventry, North-West, Lab) said they had to realize they went wrong in 1968 and again with the Ryder reportand he noticed he was gracing the debate—when they put the whole lot together. They put together something which was too big and too complex for any management properly to cope with.

He would disband the board of British Leyland, It had no function because the company was not a coherent entity. It had many different parts each of which had to be dealt with separately and for each of which they should have a coherent national strategy.

cach of which they should have a coherent national strategy.
He would close down the British Leyland headquarters. It would save a lot of money. The four-divisions should report directly to the NEB. That was where the responsibility for the success of

Leyland lay. They should redeploy the people from the head office to the divisions on the one hand and to the NEB to strengthen its moni-toring and control capacity on the

Government

stand against

The Government had a responsibil.

ity to protect British firms against blackmail because these businesses, paid taxes and were entitled to

pala lakes and how control to some representation, Lord Shin, well (Lab) said during questions about the trade boycott by Arab

He had asked the Government

what protection was given to Bri-

dsh industrial firms and firage

houses who engaged in business

with Israel and were affected by the boycott by Arab countries.

Lord Winterbottom, Lord in Wair.

ing-The Government are opposed

to all trade boycotts which lack international support and auth

ority. But it is for individual firms to decide their own attitude to the

Arab boycott in the light of their

The advice and assistance of offi-cials at the Department of Trade

are available to any British firm wishing to consult them and dis-cussions are always undertaken in

Lord Shinwell—The Government have a responsibility to protect British firms against any subsersive tactics by anyone. They camen leave it to the judgment of the firms which have no power to deal with the matter. If the Government

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when the matter. It me Government do this Lord Winterbottom may as well say: "We are abandoning Bri-tish firms and they can go where they like". Firms pay taxes and are entitled to some represen-

Lord Winterbottom—Our respon-sibility is to the British people in the last accounting period we exported to Israel 2249m worth or

goods and to the Arab world of £2,000m. We have to balance these factors against any emotional view of the rights or wrongs of the Arab

Lord Byers (L)-This is not in

emotional view; a moral principle is at stake. The United States ha

legislated against the boycou so is time the Government should take bough action, too.

Lord Winterbottom—We will watch the operation of the American legislation in practice.
Lord Janner (Lab)—When other countries have taken a firm stand the evil boycott threatened against firms has disappeared.

Lord Winterbottom—We have not the facilities to form judgments for every firm. But the firms seem to

Lord Shinwell-The British people expect the Government to protect them and secure them against sub-versive tactics, terrorism a., blackmail. Are the Government

going to do nothing except remain interested spectators? If so, wh ask British firms to pay mass

Lord Winterbottom-The British

Government are there to give advice and assistance and that seems to be successful.

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The one thing that had to be obtained—and with good will, leadership, competence and integrity on the part of management it could be got—was a common grading structure across the board, common grading across the board, common grading across the common grading across the common grading across the state of the common grading across mon rates for that common grad-ing structure, and a common re-newal date for the various grades. Mr John Stokes (Halesowen and Stourbridge, C) said the standard of the chargeband on the shop of the chargenand on the sub-floor, the foreman, manager, gen-eral manager, and director, like much elsewhere in industry, was unfortunately below the standard that such a large organization required and below the standard of the NCO WO and officer in the

the NCO, WO and officer in the armed forces: (Labour laughter.) The state of morale and esprit de corps was abysmally low. Why were the workers not enormously proud to work for the greatest British car company? Why were there not lots of flags flying at British Leyland sites? (Labour laughter) laughter.)

The time had come for heroi The time had come for heroic measures, As a start the Secretary of State should search for the finest leader in industry to be put in immediate charge of the company's affairs. He should then choose the board of directors to run the company. Someone was required to inspire the organization in the same way that Montgomery inspired the Eighth Army in 1942. (Labour laughter.)

Mr Julius Silverman (Birmingham Air juines Saverman (Birmingnam, Erdington, Lab) said it would be a serious psychological error to use the present moment to announce the abandonment of investment in British Leyland. It would have the opposite effect to that intended. Morale would sink further.

Mr Richard Wainwright (Coine Valley, L) said the present form of pwy policy with its 12-month rule frustrated important advances in the scientific assessment of pay and the conclusion of realistic bargains within an incomes policy framework. It frustrated any movement towards a situation where one could have one date in the year for major pay settlements. Within British Leyland it frustrated their own admirable desire to work towards a six's e settling date for pay bargains throughou their vast empire.

Mr Joseph Dean (Leeds, West, Lab) said the Government should bring in some flexibility on the third stage of the social contract to deal with pay differentials: People in all quarters of industry did not want the Government, of whatever colour, to always be determining the amount in their nay packets. the amount in their pay packets. Mr Gerald Kaufman, Minister of State for Industry (Manchester, Ardwick, Lab), said the crisis of Leyland was not simply a crisis of industrial disputes. It was not simply a crisis of pay policy. The spelling out of a pay policy at this stage would not solve the problems of Leyland.

of Levland. It was not the Government's pay policy alone but the pay policy of the Government and the TUC. It was impossible so spell out what the next stage of the pay policy would be. The next phase had to be negotiated with the TUC and agreed by the TUC. It would not be for the Commons to pass an Act imposing a counter inflation policy as had twice been done durant the threatest \$120.74 ing the period 1970-74 The debate was concluded.

Brunei battalion

Proposals for withdrawing the British Gurkha battalion based in Brunei were being discussed with the Brunei Government, Mr Frank Judd, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said during questions on British policy east of Suez.

Dates on maps

Talks in U S

Mr Clement Freud Isle of Ely, L) successfully sought leave to bring in a Bill to make illegal the publinot bear the date on which the information contained was valid.

# Chief Constable and several senior

officers who were said to have

been lying to cover up the abuses by the Chief Constable when they were investigated by the Chief Constable of Hampshire.

Constable of Hampshire.

There were fears that the whole thing would be covered up or swept under the carpet. He said that because two of the people named in the report were members of the police authority. Too many local people were involved for it to be dealt with the the Variable.

be dealt with by the Lancashire police force and it should be debated in the Commons where the Home Secretary should speak because he had responsibility.

it was so serious and urgent that

on Rhodesia Dr David Owen, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, indicated that he expects to have discussions with the new United States administration in Washington about Rhodesia next

week.
Mr Jeremy Thorpe (North Devou, L)—When he talks to the United States Government, is he in a position to assume that Mr Smith Is still in favour of accepting African majority rule in two years? Dr Owen—I am told that is the case and I think it is extremely significant and important. That was the single most important achievement, and considerable achievement, of Dr Kissinger—to get Mr Smith committed to even. get Mr Smith committed to even-tual majority rule on a timescale. I hope there will be no change from that.

#### concept 'will not yet join trial' Supporters of the hydrolin concep

were persuaded that the laborators to which the Government had referred it for an assessment wert unlikely to give it a fair trial because they were already wedged to the notion of hovercraft is the right outside. right route for this county m follow, Lord Strathcona and Monat Royal, an Opposition spokesman, said during a deam on research and development. On the advice of the laborate the Government decided that the hovercraft had great attraction novertraft had great attractions for vessels in rough water 15 m-result some kind of tacit metrics standing grew up whereby standing grew up whereby standing development and would leave by rofold development mainly to other nations.

Then appeared on the scene a different type of hydrofoll, the hydrofoll, which had particularly useful application for high speed vessels in rough water. After receiving a favourable report on this project the Government referred back for an assessment with laboratory which had already reported on the hovercraft. He did not know whether the

he did not know whether he bydrofin supporters were right, but it was clearly an undesirable, and unhappy situation that an inventor could get into a kind of Catch 22 situation where all the references went back to the same group of assessors or individual assessors already committed to all assessor already committed to an alternative technology.

atternative technology.

Lord Kennet (Lab), who opened the debate, said that instead of working alone or bilaterally with some other advanced country like France or Germany the Government should consider whether they could help the European Commission and offer help in advance to prevent the production of policies based on insufficient research and prevent research proposals based prevent research proposals based on insufficient preparation.

Viscount Thurso (L) said there was a danger that too much effort, which could be better spent in carrying out research, could be put out by laboratoties and research councils into looking for objectives and finding sponsors for schemes they felt should be investigated. They may end by taking on mo-many small schemes. Lord Baker, in a maiden speech,

Lord Baker, in a maiden speech said a body of outstanding customers was needed. They could be leading engineers and industrialist sufficiently detached to take a broad, long view so they could advise the Science Research Council and other Government department and other government departments on what readed to be dust ments on what needed to be done and how teams could be built up in universities and industry and linked together. Research and de-velopment could not be parted if there was to be real innovation. Lord Wynne-Jones (Lab) said mat without research the country's future would be bleak. It would be an outrage for the Government to

quadruple the fees of postgraduate students. Lord Peart, Lord Privy Seal, and Leader of the House, said the Government had set up under his chairmanship a new advisory coun-cil for applied research and de-velopment. Some distinguished and knowledgeable industrialists from outside the Government service had agreed to serve.

They would enable the Covern ment to get greater benefit from the wealth of scientific and techno-logical expertise in industrical universities and research asociations. Such expertise had to concentrated to be effective.

The debate concluded.

# Ship repair firms not to be nationalized: Bill will get through next week

between the Government and the Opposition under which the Air-craft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill will, with the deletion of the 12 ship-repairing companies, pro-ceed to Royal Assent were given in a statement by Mr Eric Varley, ecretary of State for Industry. The 12 ship-repairing companies are: Brigham & Cowan; Bristol Channel Ship Repairers; J. B. Howle; the Humber Graving Dock and Engineering Company; the London Graving Dock Company; the Mercantile Dry Dock Company; the Middle Docks and Engineering Company; R. & H. Green and Silley Weir; Scott Lithgow Dry-docks; Swan Hunter Shiprepairers Tyne; the Wallseud Slipway and

ngineering Company; and West-Mr Varley (Chesterfield, Lab) said; In the light of the findings of the Examiners in the House of Lords that the Aircraft and Shipthe Government have considered what action should be taken. The Government have decided

The Government have decided that, in view of the grave industrial consequences of further delay to the Bill, they intend to deal with the situation created by the Examiners' findings on hybridity by proposing amendments for the deletion of the 12 ship-repairing companies listed in Schedule 2 of the Bill. (Conservative cheers and choute of "Whe didn't was de in

(Conservative cheers and s of "Why didn't you do it Consultations have taken place with the Opposition through the usual channels and the Opposition have agreed that the Bill should now proceed to Royal Assent as a public Bill in its present form, spart from the deletion of the 12 listed ship-repairing companies.

the House of Lords on Tuesday next, March 8, with committee and remaining stages on March 10; the Bill will then return to this House for agreement to the necessary amendments. It has been further agreed that

the Bill should proceed to Royal Assent forthwith. I hope that the House will be content to proceed on this basis. Ship-repairing will remain one of the duties of British shipbuilders. Several of the listed shipbuilding companies have ship-repairing operations, and three of the 12

ship-repairing companies now listed in Schedule 2 are already publicly owned and will be transferred to the corporation.

The Government understand that
other privately owned ship-repairing companies would wish to be acquired by the corporation, which will be free and willing to negotiate their acquisition.

The Government intend that

resting of the aircraft companies will be next month if that can be achieved and of shipbuilding com-panies in the late spring. A state-ment on this will be made as soon

Sir Keith Joseph, chief Opposition spokesman on industry (Leeds, North-East, C)—Though we deplore this Bill and think it thoroughly bad for the country and the industries concerned and fought it every inch of the way, we welcome the Government's belated acceptance of the implication of the rules of procedure and of natural justice.

A valuable service was per-formed by Mr Robin Maxwell-Hys-

identifying the hybridity which the Government then dodged and wriggled to deny but which has been confirmed by a committee containing two officials of this House and two officials in the Had the Government chosen to

accept months ago what they are now accepting, the elimination of ship repairing, the Opposition could not have stopped them having the Bill last autumn. So the delay of many months has been entirely the result of the pique of We are pledged to seek to return the companies nationalized to the private sector when we have the opportunity. (Conservative

Mr Varley-If Conservative MPs look at the report of the examiners objectively they will find no credit is due to Mr Maywell-Hyslop. The examiners rejected most of the grounds on which he said the Bill

In their report the examiners used such phrases as "the findings they had to consider were and and trivial " and " grotesque ques-tions". I do not want to go over that ground too much. Because the Bill has been before Parliament for three sessions clearly the damage that was being caused to the industries was

The examiners' findings leave the general position of hybridity in an unsatisfactory and uncertain state. The implications of their report for future legislation will have to be considered carefully by the Government. We shall do this

severe. That is the reason we felt it reasonable to come to this arrange-

regard to the widespread economic damage that has been caused by the politically motivated campaign of the Lords in particular, Mr Varley's decision will be regarded by most Labour MPs as unavoidable in the circumstance and will be considered to the widespread economic months we have been rebuilding sector?

Mr Parley—Over the last two months we have been rebuilding sector? able in the circumstances and will be welcomed by MPs with aircraft and shipbuilding interests.

Mr Varley—There is no doubt that the damage to the industries of further delay would have been severe, particularly for the aircraft industry. British Aerospace could not have entered into collaborative arrangements, essential if that inarrangements essential if that industry is to survive.

Mr Richard Wainwright (Coine Valley, L)—Bearing in mind the ready cooperation of Opposition parties in the matter of the main parts of the Bill. will he give an assurance that of the 12 listed shiprepairing companies those which positively wish to remain private enterprises will not be sub-ject at any time to any form of industrial discrimination or financial pressure from the nationalized sector or any Government institu-

Mr Variey-I do not understand that question. If he is saying now that some of the shiprepairing companies not to be nationalized because they are included in the schedule to the Bill ought really to receive Government aid that is something we will look at care-

Mr Cledwyn Hughes (Anglesey, Lab)—The Government are to be warmly commended for taking this realistic step to resolve what had developed into a complex problem.

Is he satisfied there are viable

tions made against the Chief Constable of Lancashire in a report by the Chief Constable of Hampshire which had unfortunately been widely leaked in the press and created a great deal of public controversy and dismay.

The report showed that the Chief Constable of Lancashire had, among other things, intervened in criminal cases at the behest of or on behalf of friends, or friends of friends, had associated frequently with undesirable characters, and the Home Secretary should open a debate and institute a local public inquiry under the Police Act into the activities of the Chief Constitution Mr Parley—Over the last two months we have been rebuilding British Shipbuilders and the

British Shipbuilders and the organizing committee of British Shipbuilders. I am confident we have the men in British Shipbuilders and the organizing committee to run the industry success-fully. I am sure the management of these companies to be taken into public ownership are ready to cooperate with us. Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop (Tiverton, C)—Will the Secretary of State congratulate the Minister of Seate for Industry, Mr Kaufman,

for his sense in persuading the Cabinet to take this obvious step

while the Secretary of State was away ill? (Laughter.) The facts concerning the West-minster Dredging Company which were denied on behalf of the Government in the Lords by Lord Peart were admitted as true by the Government's own witness at the hearing before the Examiners in the House of Lords. (Conservative cheers.) Mr Varley—Mr Maxwell-Hyslop exaggerated the truth. (Conservative interruptions and Labour cheers.) He has said on many occa-

sions that the Bill was riddled with hybridity, but this is not the case on the basis of a close examination of the report. We want to see the industries taken into public owner-

ship as quickly as possible. Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Wal-ton, Lab)—I trust that Labour MPs will welcome the Government's acceptance of the reality of the situation, but nevertheless with bitterness because of the objec-tions that were raised. Many of us

tive laughter. When Mr Balley and the Bristol When Mr Balley and the Bristol Channel Shiprepairers approach the Government next year, as they will, for financial aid from the Department of Industry, will they be asked to go along to the new shipbuilding company to consider becoming part of the nationalized industry? (Labour cheers.)

Mr. Variey.—Under the terms of the 1972 Industry Act if any company comes to the Government and asks for assistance, we have to consider that application. Of course, if Bris-tol Channel Shiprepairers, or any other company which has not been taken into public ownership, come to us with a proposition we shall look at it but only in accordance with the overall corporate strategy of British Shipbuilders. Mrs Margaret Bain (East Dunbartonshire, Scot Nat)—Will the Secretary of State give a commitment that the Government will

review other areas of controversy such as the establishment of a Scottish shipbuilding company? Mr Variey-We want to look at the overall organization of British Shipbuilders. Certain divisions of the industry may well have to have some capability in countries other than England and Wales.

Mr Dafydd Wigley (Caernervon, Pl Cymru)—Will he give an assurance that in order to ensure the trading situation of the companies not to be nationalized, the Government have no intention to bring forward any separate Bill to suggest any separate Bill to suggest nationalization of any of these companies?

on the Mr Varley-No. Mr Arthur Blenkinsop (South Shields, Lab)—Will he do his utmost to mitigate the damage caused by the action of Opposition MPs by encouraging investment in the main shiprepairing yards and stimulating better public relations and working relations in the said working relations. and working relations in the

Mr Varley—It is certainly our in-tention that there should be a viable shipbuilding industry with a long-term future. It would be un-thinkable to allow the industry to be eliminated. There must be an investment: programme in the major stillowards. major shipyards. Mr Michael English (Nottingham, West, Lab)—On a point of order, Mr Speaker, should the House not investigate how much money has been spent in attempted bribery of MPs to achieve an apparently suc-cessful change in Government

The Speaker (Mr George Thomas)—If Mr English has proof of any bribery he knows the course he should adopt. Conservative MPs-Withdraw. Mr Frederick Burden (Gillingham, C)—Mr English was not even lis-tening to what you just said and I suggest that in the circumstances he should do you the courtesy of

The Speaker—Mr English will read in Hansard what I said. If he had any proof of bribery he should bring it forward. Mr English—I was careful in my choice of words. I said attempted bribery and that I can prove if you The Speaker—I am always willing to look at any matter which MPs wish to bring before me.

so doing.

iop (Tiverton, C) for the protection of the rights of the cidzen in Mr Russell Kerr (Hounslow, Felboards to run the industries, partibelieve even to this day that there هكنامن الأحبل

#### vernmen Highly individual fashion: Ora Morage again works in Tel Aviv and likes to make special cottes which are either hand knitted or cottes which are either hand knitted or those old fabrics bought in the flex market of Jalfa. Here she is photographed with Aviva Pivko

(Aviva means spring) in the apartment where her clothes can be bought, 24 Kikar

Hamedina, Tel Aviv, the telephone number 264 42 31. Ms Pivko, who is married to an

erchitect, also has in her miniscule boutique

old rug and new knitting. Black skirt, braided

belt, silk flower to fasten, all from her

Below: Tiny tops and bikinis are made
by Ora Morage from old fabrics often
embroidered, which she buys in the flea

markets. This is a camisole top in white

Below right: Ora herself in a typical

waistcoat (old carpet again) and tiered

gypsy skirt.

Below left: Bits and pieces jumper by

Ora Morage, worn by Aviva Pivko.

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The History of Soviet Costone which you can buy (in Russian), from Collet's Russian Bookshop at 129-131 Charing Cross

# **Fashion**

by Prudence Glynn Rented Civil Service offices within 1972 freeze







# By inclination and decree

Ora Morage designs clothes because she wants to: Nadezhda Petrovna Lamanova designed clothes not only because she wanted to but, more importantly, to benefit her country. Morage runs a minute cottage industry which retains all the fun and satisfiction of a handwork business. Lamanova's experience, talent and taste were used to motivate a big new employment area which it was hoped would generate exports. Morage is working now in Tel Aviv, Lamanova worked in

Russia and died in 1941. "In the atmosphere of the interventionist and civil wars the majority of the sewing factories in the young Soviet republic had to work for the army. Massproduced civilian clothing was being produced but in insignificant quantities. Despite reorganization the country's young sewing industry could provide the people with mass-produced goods and satisfy their hunger for clothes. So the private tailor and self-employed dressmaker continued to be persons of importance in the sphere of costume. The primitive techniques of the factories acted as a drag on productivity, so in many cases foreign made motor-driven machinery, new style presses and gas-irons were installed.

The first Soviet sewing factories were a motiey collection as regards technical equipment and staffing. In any one factory there could be the latest electrical machines imported from America side by side with traditional manually operated machines and workers sewing on buttons was being done by hand. . . There were not enough hands and workers were taken on indiscriminately, many having no pre-vious experience of the clothing industry. There was no time to give special training, so these people, who were all ages, social classes, and religious, who suddenly found themselves dumped into the unfamiliar atmosphere of a new factory, acquired skills as they went along—at the same time adjusting themselves to a new working rhythm and to life in a working

These extracts are from a book called

Road. I am indebted to Charles Metcalle, head of the fashion and textiles depart-ment of Liverpool Polytechnic for intro-ducing me to the book and for arranging for a private translation.

Mr Metcalfe has indeed been urging

Collet's to provide a full translation for sale to fashion buffs who want to know more about a fascinating and largely un-explored area of their subject, but as of writing the situation seems unresolved. Even in the first few paragraphs there are many parallels to the development of western fashion. The American ready-to-wear industry was founded on the facto-west industry was intimed to the factories and the techniques introduced to make uniforms for their civil war. The higgledy-piggledy development of a traditionally handcraft industry into a mass production era is typical of many countries even now. The lack of skilled

labour and the importation of fashion machinery are particularly apposite too.
When Dov Pollak, managing director of the textile side of the enormous Polgat firm in Israel, was looking all over the world for plant for the big new factory he came to England to buy finishing machines since the finishing of English cloths had always seemed to him superb. Eventually he located the models, only

to be horrified by their antiquated com-plexity. The finishes were certainly superb, but that was because he was proudly told, the men working the machines had 40 years' experience. What Pollak wanted was something foolproof for untrained hands to work as quickly as possible—fixtures for the future, not the past. He shopped in Switzerland, which now must have around 50 per cent of the world market in looms.

· But that is talking of the past ten years, while The History of Soviet Costume deals, with the period between wars, when N. P. Lamanova comes in. She had set upher own workshop in 1885, at the age of 24, and by the time the Russians were getting round to haute couture - they looked to Paris for inspiration-Lamanova was established as one of three greatly respected, and "trusted" designers. In 1919 she produced a formidable "organizational plan" called Studies in the production of artistically designed clothes, whose aims were to introduce into the industrial production of clothing the beginnings of artistry (shades of Morris, Liberty, and Ruskin

thirty years before) to make contemporary dress convespond to present day living con-ditions in the Soviet Union and to its many sided needs (in other words you are what you wear) to create cacres of artist instructors in costume for professional schools for the sewing industry and for the theatre (in which thought Ms Lamanova pre-empts our polys and the RCA by a good thirty years) and to create cadres of highly qualified producer-craftsmen-industrialists." (She bears us by half a century.)

Thinking, however, is not doing, and it must be said that the illustrations of the work of this enlightened thinker on fashion, who was a real tartar to her private clients, too, is more redolent of high-mindedness than novelty. In the twenties she is still looking back to Poiret of 1909, despite the formation of Russia's own magazine, Fashion News, in 1922.

What appeals so much to me is that

although many hopes were not justified perhaps in terms of setting the trends, the artified and determination to include dress design as something worthwhile among the arts even in a revolutionary society which might have been expected to view the subject as too female, ephemeral, or just too bourgeouise—is so clearly there. In 1923 the first all-Russian exhibition of art in industry was organized by the Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 1925 the four best known Russian designers, Lamanova, Mukhina, Pribyiskaya, and Makarova were invited to take part in the Universal Exhibition in Paris. All the artists prepared for this occasion with an enormous sense of responsibility", says The History of Soviet Costume. Mukhina was a well-known sculptor, Pribylskaya a connoisseur and important specialist in the field of folk embroidery. Lamanova and her niece Nadezhda Makarova were

costume designers. "Life without industry is sin, and industry without art, brutality" said Ruskin, but as I have never been able to find in all that luscious verbiage precisely where, I have never known whether he went on to say anything about creative talent. This little book says plenty about art, industry, and talent, but whether it says anything about Ruskin you can only find out if you speak Russian, or better still, persuade Collet's to produce the translation, so that we can all get a better peep behind the iron curtain.

Town investments Ltd and Others v Department of the

Before Lord Diplock, Lord Morris of Borth-y-Gest, Lord Simon of Glaisdale, Lord Kilbrandon and Lord Edmund-Davies The counter-inflation legislation of 1972 and 1973 which imposed a of 1972 and 1973 which imposed a freeze on business rents during the standstill period which ended in March, 1975, was held by a majority of the House of Lords to apply to two buildings in London leased to a minister of the Crown and occupied by civil servants, because the buildings were the subject of "business tenancies" and "occupied fo rthe purposes of a business "within the definition in the Counter-Inflation (Business)

tion in the Counter-Inflation (Business Rents) Orders, 1972 and 1973. The practical result was that when a lease granted by the then landlords to the then Minister of Works in 1952 expired in December 1972 ber, 1972, and the landlords granted a fresh lease to the Secre-lary of State for the Bovironment for a term of five years at rents more than 10 times those under

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for a term of five years at rents more than 10 times those under the 1952 leases, the rents payeble were by reason of the orders frozen at the 1952 level.

Their Lordships, Lord Morris dissenting, so held in allowing an appeal by the Department of the Environment from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Buckley, Lord Justice Lawton and Sir John Pennycuick) (The Times, May 12, 1976; [1976] 1 WLR 1126), which had held in favour of plaintiff landlords, London County Freehold and Leasehold Properties Ltd. and MEPC (Mayfair Properties) Ltd, the predecessors in title of the respondents, Town knyestments Ltd, that the department could not avail itself of the counter-inflation orders to resist rent increases under fresh leases in respect of properties at Keyslign House, Oxford Street, and in North Audley Street, London.

Mr N. C. H. Browne-Wilkinson, QC, and Mr Peter Gibson for the department; Mr S. A. Stamler, QC, and Mr C. B. Priday for the landlords.

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LORD DIPLOCK said that on November 6, 1972, and at all material times thereafter, Keysign House and the building in North Audley Street were occupied as government offices. November 6 was the starting date of the rent freeze imposed by the Counter-Inflation (Business Rents) Order, 1972, made under the Counter-Inflation (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1972, and continued by an Act and order of 1973. Those orders dealt with rents payable under "business tenancies", and their effect was to prohibit a landford during a standstill period, which expired in March, 1975, from recovering rent at a rate in excess of the rent payable on November 6, 1972.

Each order defined "business LORD DIPLOCK said that on

Each order defined "business tenancy" and "business ":
" Business renancy means any Business tenancy, means any tenancy where the property comprised in the tenancy is or includes premises which are occupied by the tenant and are so occupied for the purposes of a business carried on by him or for those and other purposes..."

"Business' includes a trade, profession or employment and includes any activity carried on by a body of persons, whether corporate or incorporate."

The only issue before the House

porate or incorporate."

The only issue before the House had been whether during the standstill the relevant premises were the subject of "business tenancies" within the meaning of the order. That turned on the answer to three questions: (1) Who was the tenant of the premises or any part of them occupied by the tenant? And, if so (3) was the tenant's occupation for the purposes of a business carried on by him or for those and other purposes.

him or for those and other purposes?

On November 6, 1972, the lease-hold tide under which Keysign House was held was an underlease entered into in 1952. The landord was the respondents' predecessor in tide, London County Freehold and Leasehold Properties Ltd. The tenant was described as "the Minister of Works (hereinafter called 'the lessee' which expression where the context so admits includes his successors and assigns) for and me context so admits includes his successors and assigns) for and on behalf of her Majesty "; for the North Andley Street property the landlord was MEPC (Mayfair Properties) Ltd. The tenant was described as "the Minister of Works (hereinafter called "the

Both leases expired on December 25, 1972. Fresh five-year leases were entered into in substantially the same terms as those which they replaced save that the description "Secretary of State for the Environment" was substinued for "Minister of Works". following on an order of 1970 which transferred to the Secretary of State for the Environment the functions of the former Minister of Public Building and Works. included in those functions was the provision of accommodation for civil servants employed in government departments. At all government nepartments. At an material times the relevant buildings were used to accommodate civil servants not engaged in the public building and works or environment departments, but in the work of other government

departments.

Under the 1952 leases the rents of Keysign House and North Audiey Street were £39,690 and £17,500 respectively. Under the new 1972 leases the rents were

premises and asked for bettartions to that effect and that the
rents payable were those under the
new leases and not the lower rents
under the 1952 leases. Mr Justice
Foster found in favour of the
landlords on the ground that the
Crown was not entitled to avail
itself of either of the Acts or
orders because each Act stated
that it did not bind the Crown.
The Court of Appeal rejected that
as wrong in law, and it had not
been relied on in the House. But
they dismissed the department's
appeal on the ground that neither
of the premises was the subject
of a "business tenancy" within
the meaning of the orders. They
held on the three questions that
(1) the tenant was the Secretary
of State and not the Crown;
(2) no part of the premises was (2) no part of the premises was occupied by the tenant; and (3) no part of the premises was occupied for the purposes of a "business".

On the first question the fallacy in the Court of Appeal's reasoning was that it was public, not private, law that governed the relationships between her Majesty acting in her political espacity. the government departments among which the work of her Majesty's government was distributed, the ministers of the Crown in charge of the various departments, and civil servants of all mades are presented in these departments. grades employed in those depart-ments. Those relationships had over the centuries been trans-formed with the evolution from personal rule by a feudal landpersonal rule by a reugal fand-owning monarchy of today; but the vocabulary used by lawyers in the public law field had not kept pace with that evolution and remained more apt to the consti-tutional realities of the Tudor or two the Norman monarchy than tutional realities of the Tudor or even the Norman monarchy than those of the twentieth century. To continue nowadays to speak of "the Crown" as doing legislative or executive acts of government, which, in reality as distinct from legal fiction, were decided on and done by human beings other than the Queen herself, involved risk of confusion.

Where, as in the instant case.

Where, as in the instant case, the House was concerned with the legal nature of the exercise of executive powers of government, some of the Athansian-like fea-tures of the debate in the House could have been eliminated if instead of speaking of " the Crown one spoke of " the government "— a term appropriate to embrace both collectively and individually all ministers of the Crown and purhismentary secretaries under whose direction civil servants car-ried on the administrative work and executive acts of government.

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by any of them were acts done
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seuse in which that expression was
now used in English public law.
The relevant executive acts of of grants from lessors who were of grants from lessors who were private subjects of the Queen of leasehold interests in premises for use as government offices and

# Danish skippers get fines cut to £2,500

Fines totalling £22,000 imposed on two Danish trawler skippers were cut by Judge Cox at Plymouth Crown Court yesterday. He said he was satisfied that their violation of the 12-mile fishing limit was not deliberate.

He accepted that Gudav Loth, aged 36, skipper of the Bente Loth, and Jorn Andersen, aged 30, skipper of the Singo, did not realize that the limits started outwards from the Eddystone Lighthouse, which qualifies as an island for fishery protection propers. for fishery-protection purpo for isnery-protection purposes. He said the court had more information before it than the Plymouth magistrates who heard the case on February 25. He added: "If we believed that these two men were deliberately poaching in this area we should not have interfered with the penalties by one permy."

There was nown any dispute that There was never any dispute that the trawlers were lost. 4 The

to fish right up to the moment when the boarding party from the minesweeper Cuxton came aboard and told them to stop."

The Eddystone Lighthouse was

in some ways a special case. On some maps he had seen there did not appear to be any other instance around the coast where a lighthouse was the starting place of the 12-mile limit.

of the 12-mile limit.

When the two skippers originally admitted breaking the Sea Fisheries Limits Act, 1973, Mr Loth, who had a previous conviction for breaking the 12-mile limit off Redcar in 1971, was fined £12,000. Mr Andersen was fined £10,000. Both men were ordered to pay £70 costs. Their catches were forfeited.

Mr David Bishop, for the defence, said: "Neither of my Clients has been fishing in the

clients has been fishing in the English Channel before. This was a genuine mistake."

## Car driver must pay £70,000 damages himself

Mr Nigel Forster, aged 25, will have to spend the rest of his life paying a debt to a former girl friend who was crippled in a road crash. He was ordered in the High Court yesterday to pay £70,000 agreed damages to Miss Brenda Gregory, aged 23, who was a passenger in his car.

Because his third-party insurance did not cover passenger massenger was not insured until I read the small print of my policy after the accident."

Miss Gregory, agid 25, will he said: "We were married two years ago but we cannot think of buying a home as £70,000 is much more than most people take on as more than m

every two years.

Mr Forster, of Crown Lane, Ardleigh, near Colchester, Essex, said later: "This has been banging over my head for six years. There is no way I can ever pay this all off. I shall just have to move to another planet in a few move to another planet in a few years' time."
Accompanied by his wife, Jill,

broke her back in the accident in February, 1971, and is confined to a wheelchair.

Mr Raymond Sears, QC, for Miss Gregory, told Mr Justice Eveleigh: "A larger sum might have been awarded in damages had this case been fully litigated in court but this sum has been agreed because of the special circumstances".

Roth sides were legally aided and the judge made no order for costs.

Canterbury excavations | £1m Catholic aid target The Canterbury Archaeological The Catholic Fund for Overseas Trust has launched an appeal for Development, which raised 200,000 to finance excavations in and around the city. Contributions may be sent to Mr David C. Anning, the honorary treasurer, Hill Vellacott, 7 Dane John, Canterbury, Keng.

£761,182 in the year ended last September 30, has fixed the present year's target at fim. Already more than £329,000 has been

tenant ' which expression shall occupation by civil servants employed in the work of various ployed in the work of various government departments. In his behalf of her Majesty ''.

Both leases expired on December 1 the government acting through its the government acting through its control of the minister of the mini appropriate member [the minister of the Crown] or, in the term of art in public law, the tenant was

the Crown. On the second question (were the premises or any part of them occupied by the tenant?), at all relevant times the persons physically present on the premises were government servants—in public law terms of art their status was that of "servants of the Crown" and of no one else. The relation-ship of master and servant did not exist between a minister in not exist between a minister in not exist between a immister in charge of a government department and any other government servant in whatever grade of the Civil Service he might be. They were both fellow servants of the Crown. The use of the premises by government servants for government mremoses thus constituted ent purposes thus constituted occupation of the premises by the Crown, the tenant of the premises, and his Lordship would answer that question, yes.

new 1972 leases the rents were f369,500 and £190,000 respectively—more than 10 times as much as previously. If the counter-inflation orders applied to the premises, only the former rents were payable for the standstill period.

The landlords claimed that those orders did not apply to the premises and asked for declarations to that effect and that the rents payable were those under the new leases and not he lower rents was an etymological chamencem; its 1852 leases. Mr Institute Context in which it was found. It context in which it was found. It was not a term of legal art and, as Lord Justice Lindley pointed out in Rolls v Miller (1884) 27 ChD 71,88), its dictionary meanings embraced "almost anything which is an occupation as distinguished from a pleasure—granttinguished from a pleasure—any-thing which is an occupation or a duty which requires attention is a business."

a bosiness".

Ever since that case that broad meaning had been given to the word "business" in covenants in leases restricting the permitted user of the demised premises. His Lordship thought it clear beyond argument that the use of the relevant premises to accommodate civil sergants energied on "governcivil servants engaged on "govern-ment business" would constitute a breach of a covenant in a lease against permitting any business to be carried on on the premises. The Crown or government through its servants was carried out there

The Crown or government inrough its servants was carrying out there a duty which required attention.

The wide interpretation of business? in such restrictive covenants was dictated by the evident object of such covenants. The evident object for which powers were conferred by the Counter-Inflation Acts, 1972 and 1973, to make orders restricting 1973, to make orders restricting increases of prices, dividends and rents, was to curb inflation by preventing more money coming into circulation without any corresponding increase in production of goods or services. goods or services. Separate orders were made under the Acts dealing with business rents, agricultural rents and the rents of dwelling

The mischief against which those orders was directed did not depend on who the tenant was or the use made of the premises by him but on the receipt by his landlord of a greater sum of money in return for what produced no greater contribution to the national wealth than it had produced before. His contains would therefore give Lordship would, therefore, give the word "business" in the defi-nition of "business tenancy" in the two orders a meaning no less wide than it had been given in coverants restricting the user of demised premises. That meaning was wide enough to include the

> premises were occupied by the The Court of Appeal appeared The Court of Appeal appeared to have attached importance to the presence of the indefinite article "a" in the reference in the definition of husiness tenancy to "a business carried on by bin"—the tenant. Having already concluded that the relevant tenant was the Secretary of State. and not the Crown, Lord Justice Buckley and Lord Justice Lawton, while appearing to accept that government activities through the various government departments might properly be described as "business", considered that, neither that part of those activities carried on through a particular government department. lar government department, nor those activities as a whole, could properly be described as "a busi-

It had been said that Roger

purposes for which Keysign House and the North Audley Street

ness".

It had been said that Roger Casement was banged by a comma, and that John Keats's mind was "snuffed out by an article". His Lordship thought that in exercising the functions of government the civil servants of the Crown were all engaged in carrying on a single business on behalf of the Crown—her Majesty's government in the United Kingdom. He did not see why the presence of an indefinite article affected the matter, nor why ft was not a business carried on by the Crown on whatever premises might be used by it to accommodate civil servants employed in the various government departments, or why it was not a business for the purposes of which each of the premises was occupied by the Crown. His Lordship would allow the appeals.

LORD MORRIS, in a disseming speech, gave his reasons for holding, on the facts relating to the premises, that in regard to each property the Secretary of State, not "the Crown", was the tenant; that he did not occupy the premises; and that in respect of them there was no "business tenant; that he did not occupy the premises; and that in respect of them there was no "business tenancy" so as to make the provisions of the counter-inflation orders applicable. In his view the Court of Appeal had come to the right conclusion.

Lord Simon delivered a speech coccurring with Lord Diplock in allowing the appeal; Lord Kilbrandon gave his reasons for allowing the appeal; and Lord Edmund-Davies agreed with Lord Diplock's reasons.

No order as to the costs in the House was made.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitors; Beachcroft, Hyman Issaes.



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Hamburg SV gained a 1-1 fraw with MTC in their European Cup Winters' Cup first leg the in Eudapeat vesterday. The game was varched by a crowd of 12,600 and briously the West German team fare a fine chance of reaching the semi-fined round in the returning on March 16. They scored first through Velliert in the 61st minute and held the lead until 12 minutes from time.

minutes from fine.

Hamburg were superior throughout but alissed many charces to transform this superiority into goals. Vollert had outsmiding risses in the 18th and 83rd minutes when each time he left the defence behind but put the ball high over the bur.

Hamburg performed smoothly, held the ball as long as possible and kept a constant pressure on the Hungarian goal with fast moving attacks.

MTK played well below their usual standard. Orficials blamed usual standard. Ordicials blamed this on the fact whereas the West German league was long underway, the Hungarian will not repen until next week after a winter recess.

In Warsaw Slask Wroclaw and Napoli played a goelless draw in nother Cup Winners' Cup tie. The game was watched by \$2,000 people.

It was a case of Polish pressure for 90 mitutes as the Italians, ofter starting in a 44-2 formation, soon resorted to something like 6-4-0. Only two or three times was the ball on the Polish side of

was the ball on the Polish side of the field.

The Poles probably tried ban hard and their efforts were chaotic and nervous. Rapoli had one nerfect opportunity when Catellaui broke away from a mile in front of his own goal and Polini's international detender. Immuda saved the goal only after a corporate close. Slock had 12 corner kicks to the Italian two.

Newcastle United's directors, recently given a vote of no con-fidence by the players, must now face their angry shareholders at an extraordinary general meeting of the club.

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Matcolm Dix. a 34-year-old businessman, presented 61 requisitions demanding a meeting at the club offices yesterday and the heard have 21 days in which to convene one otherwise Mr Dix can do so himself.

The 61 shareholders all signed a statement which reads: "We

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the shareholders of Newcastle
United FC Limited have lost con"ince in members of the board
offectors and wish to freely course the implications and the intergement of the hoard of cirectors and resolve accord-

Jacklin fifteenth

tour earnings list

Washington, March 1.—Jack Nicklaus earned \$50,000 for his victory in last week's Inverrary

thurnament and moved into third place on the 1977 United States guiff four earnings list with a total of \$54,600, the US Professional

Colters' Association reported to-

Bruce Lietzke still leads with

\$123.350. He withdrew from the

en American

Golf

# Neill pays £80,000 to sign Young again

Willie Young yesterday followed in the footsteps of Terry Neill, the manager, when he moved from Tottenham Hotspur to Arsenal for 580,000. The deal was clinched by Neill, who was responsible for signing Young from Aberdeen for f100,000 in September, 1975, when he was in charge of the Tottenham side. With O'Leary and Simpson both injured, Arsenal, who have lost their last five matches, are almost certain to include Young in the side for their home game against Ipswich Town on Saturday. Neill gave Young hope for the future in the aftermark of the "Copenhagen affair" when he brought the centre-half to London and White Hart Lane. Young, along with four other Scottish players — Billy Bremner. Joe Harper. Pat McCluskey, and Arther Graham—had been banned by the Scottish FA for alleged misconduct in Denmark, when Neill signed him from Aberdeen. An appeal against the lun was turned down in October by the Scottish F.A.

Neill seid yesterday: "Obviously I would not have spent the money, either today or 18 months ago, if I had not felt he was a good player. He will be in on Saturday, and I am sure he will prove 4 valuable addition to the squad."

Young is the second player to leave Tottenham in the past 48 hours.

Young is the second player to leave Tottenham in the past 48 hours. Com having moved to Celtic for £65,000 last night.

Young said: "It is terrific—I night not even have to move liquide. Whenever I've watched Arsenal I've thought they could do with a big bloke down the middle to play alongside David



Willie Young footsteps of Neill.

capabilities."

Keith Burkinshaw, the Spurs manager, who sold Aifie Conn for \$65,000 to Celtic on Tuesday, pending a fitness check, said: "Obviously we have got to strengthen our side now. We are short of players after selling but there's no point rushing into things. I will take my time."

#### Blackburn win a battle and await result of the war

The Football League have agreed to set up a commission of lavestigation into complaints made investigation into complaints made by Blackburn Rovers against New-castle United. They involve the transfer deal which took Black-burn's goalkeeper Roger Jones, who is now with Stoke City. to Newcastle a year ago and also an allegation that Lord Westwood, the chairman of Newcastle and the president of the League, "endeed Gordon Lee from Blackburn to Newcastle as manager", Mr Lee is now with Everton.

is now with Everton.

Blackburn asked the League to set up the commission last week when they sent a cheque for \$15,000 to the League beadquarters at Lytham St Annes. The amount was the fee Blackburn acknowledge they owe for Glen Keeley, whom they bought from Newcastle in August. Blackburn asked the

Competitors to be given

Random dope tests of competitions will be taken for the first time during the World table tennis championships sponsored by Norwich Union at Birmingham beginning on March 26. Roy beginning on March 26. Roy beginning on March 26. Roy not expect any positive results, Evans, president of the International Federation, said yesternot get any. The only thing it will achieve will be as a discovery will be as a discov

random dope tests

League to hold the cheque as a hond until they had decided what to do about the commission.

Yesterday Blackburn agreed "under protest" to a suggestion from the League secretary. Alan Hardaker, that he should be allowed to pass the cheque un to Newcastle. In return, the League say they will lift, forthwith, the han they had put on Blackburn signing new players until they had cleared the debt.

The chairman of Blackburn, William Baucroft is on a worldwide business trip. The club spokesman, the vice-chairman, Derrick Keighley, said: "We have won the day but there is no need to brag about it. The main thing is that we can now operate as a football club again, free to sign players before the transfér deadline if we need to."

Tennis

Borg makes quiet return after

Memphis, Tennessee, March 2.

—Blorn Borg, the Wimbledon champion, beat Michael Wayman, of Britain, 6—4, 6—3, in the first round of the United States indoor tembs championships here last night. Borg said he was not bothered by the stomach nuscle injury which had forced him out of tournaments for two weeks.

"It felt okay but I still worried about ft", he said. "I double-faulted and missed a lor of first serves because I was still thinking about it."

Borg, the top seed, started slowly against Wayman, who was one of eight qualifiers. Borg quickly fell behind at 3—1, but he broke Wayman's serve twice in succession and held his own for the set.

in the world rankings, pulled a muscle in an exhibition match two

win.
"I went to Hawaii to rest, and
the last four or five days I played
two hours", he said. "You have
to be careful, otherwise I might two hours", he said. "You have to be careful, otherwise I inight have to rest two or three months."

In the other first round matches Guillermo Vikas, of Argentina, the second seed, had five match points against him before he defeated Brian Teacher, of the United States, 6—7, 7—6, 7—6.

Roscoe Tanner, the third seed, beat his fellow-American, Zan Guerry, 7—5, 5—7, 6—3 and Brian Gottfried, of the United States, put out Eric Deblicker, of France, 5—4, 6—3.

In the second round, Mark Cox, seeded sixth, beat Sashi Menon, of India, 6—7, 7—6, and the seventh seed, Tony Roche, of Australia, eliminated Hank Pfister, 5—2, 6—7, 6—2. Other results:

First Round; T. Moare beat U. Pinner ewal Germany. 5—2; G. Masters and States, 6—6, 6—1; P. Deat R. Tancey (Hongary), 6—1, 1—0 rel: C. Dibley (Australia) beat R. Faither, New Zealand, 6—6, 6—1; P. Duper (South Artica) beat R. Cano (Argentina), 6—1; P. Duper (South Artica) beat R. Cano (Argentina), 6—1, 6—1; P. Duper (South Artica) beat R. Cano (Argentina), 6—1, 6—1; P. Deat (Australia) beat F. Gebert (France), 7—6, 7—6, 8. Laur beat (France), 7—6, 6—3; R. Laur beat (Australia), and C. Kacher (Australia) beat F. Gebert (France), 7—5, 6—3; R. Laur beat (Australia), and C. Kacher (Australia) beat F. Gebert (France), 7—5, 6—3; R. Laur beat (Australia), and C. Kacher (Australia) beat F. Gebert (Australia) and C. Leicher (Australia) and C. Leicher

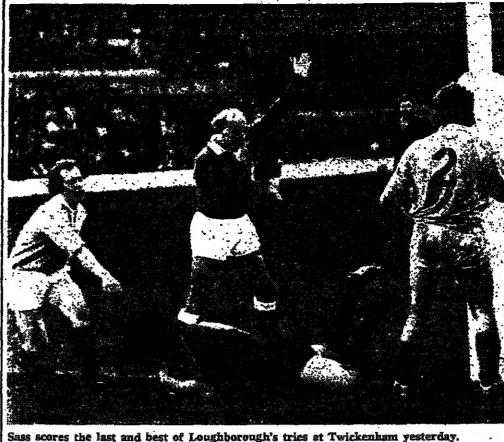
#### Hockey

#### New blood in England's side for Wembley

England include three new senior players for the women's hockey match against New Zealand, at Wembley on Saturday (2.30). They are, Janet Edwards, of Gloucestershire, at right back; Janet Swinnerton, of Staffordshire, at centre forward, and Denise Haselden, of Lancashire, A growd of more than 55 000. tennis championships sponsored by Norwich Union at Birmingham beginning on March 25. Roy Evans, president of the International, Federation, said yesternady that allegations had been made in the pust that certain players had been doped, aithough no one has ever produced any proof. He added: "In 1971 we said officially we were against doning her slope them we have will be naid \$835 for the work." A crowd of more than 65,000 is expected, to see if England can improve on their 2—2 draw against the New Zealanders during the 1975 world cup

ENGLAND: P. Gibbans (Berkshire);
J. bdwards (Gioucestershire); A. Luni
(Lancashire); L. Hurley (Lancashire);
S. Wooldridge (Warwickshire); J. Tjopin (Detun); S. Soyave (Lancashire);
V. Rubinson (Hertfordshire); J. Swinnerion (Staffortshire); J. Jurischa
(Kent); D. Haseiden (Lancashire);

Rugby Union



# Yawning gaps in entertainment and skill at university final

By Peter West

oughborough 23 Fredictably enough, the favourities won the final of the Universities Athletic Union rugby championship, sponsored by Wathery Mann, at Twickenham yesterday, and they did so by two goals, a penalty goal and two tries, to a penalty goal it was their 15th success in this competition since 1933—à most goatable record. But on a glorious afternoon, when on 2 glorious afternoon, when spring at last seemed spring, the manner of their victory, in ideal conditious for the 15-man rugby to which they have long been pledged, will not have brought them much genuine sortifaction. As a spectacle it made for an indifferent connect, Sometimes ndifferent contest. Sometimes, alas, it became one big yawn.

These observations may do less than justice to a determined Newcastle XV whose forwards, though badly lacking possession in all phases of the game, at least manured to make some of the

phases of the game, at least manuged to make some of the Loughborough ball less than gikedged, and who played with great spirit overall. Newcastle, indeed, were the only side to score in the second half, a period in which territorially they were in business for long periods without seriously threatening to cross their opponents' line.

The issue looked cut and dried after 25 minutes, when Loughborough, without achieving anything readly striking, had built a lead of 17 points, With six more points in the bag by the interval, there seemed a prospect that they might now embroider the occasion with something memorable. This was not to be, and perhaps by then they fek they had achieved enough.

There was a lack of real smap

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There was a lack of real snap and coordination up front, and Phillips had a poor afternoon at stud-off half. His handling was not always able to deal with a rather variable service. He kicked too much sometimes even with reasonable loose ball—and he made a number of errors in dis-tribution. His centres sometimes

caught the same affliction. One way and another the side must have made as many mistakes as they have perpetrated all term.

The Newcastle scrummage was under pressure from the start, toon yielding a pushover try which was credited to the Loughborough No 8, O'Callaghan. Then Newcastle presented their opponents with a further four points, their captain receiving a long pass from Campbell on the short side of a scrummage and, without being under real pressure, having his kick for touch charged down by Rees, the Loughborough wing, who scored at the left hand corner.

Newtastle were not making things easy for themselves because, minutes later, Major Lillington spotted their centres in an offside position at a ruck and Whiteley had the easlest of penalty kicks from almost under the posts. Soon after that, Rees appeared in the middle of the Loughborough line and, having taken a nicely timed pass from Evans, knifed straight through to score close in. So Whiteley had another comfortable kick.

This movement at least was an improvenent on the first quarter, during which the ball reached a centre but once.

The best of the Loughborough tries was their fourth and last, scored shortly before half time. The Hanker, Jones, second only to Thoraton as a source of possession at the lineout, won a throw on the left for that fine forward, Gillingham, to peel towards the posts. O'Callagham went with him to drive close to the line, and Sass, the strong loose-head, was the scorer. Whiteley then kicked another goal.

Early in the second half, Clarkson kicked a penalty goal for.

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Early in the second half, Clarkson kicked a penalty goal for Newcaste with a high and handsome kick from wide out on the right and, later, missed with two other attempts from long rappe. Newcastle tried running from tapped penalties, but were not clever enough to pierce a solid defonce and, behind a scrummage in which their hooker was sub-

count, the service of Campbell too often had his parmer, Wright, checking a stride.

The crowd was as small as I can remember for a UAU final, and in these hard times no one can blame Newcastle if they were short of undergraduate support. Playing the match at Twickenham gives 30 players the opportunity of treading hallowed turf, but there surely would be a bigger crowd and a hotter atmosphere if it took place on domestic territory. Black, one of the Loughborough flankers, was replaced by Morgan for the last 15 minutes. Loughborough flankers, was replaced by Morgan for the last 15 minutes. Loughborough flankers, was replaced by Morgan for the last 15 minutes. Loughborough flankers, was replaced by Morgan for the last 15 minutes. Loughborough flankers, was replaced by Morgan for the last 15 minutes. Loughborough flankers, was replaced by Morgan for the last 15 minutes. Loughborough flankers, was replaced by Morgan for the last 15 minutes. Loughborough flankers, was replaced by Morgan for the last 15 minutes. Loughborough flankers, was replaced by Minutes and Marchan for the last 15 minutes. Loughborough flankers flankers

Newport Rugby Club, which makes a nine-day tour of Italy at the end of May, is to represent Wales in an international seven-a-

Wales in an international seven-aside tournament in Rome on May
28 and 29. Other countries taking
part in the tournament are Engiand, France, Romania, Czechoslovakia and Italy.

A spokeaman for the Newport
club said: "The Italian Federation has accepted Newport as the
Welsh representatives in this
tournament and we are highly
hottoured." Newport will be taking a party of 22 players on the
Italian tour which follows visits
to South Africa in 1973 and to South Africa in 1973 and America two years ago. Dai Roberts, a former Three Counties coach, has been ap-pointed technical director of the Canadian Rugby Union at 515,000

#### **Shallowness** of talent emphasized in dour game From an Irish Rugby

The first meeting of the Irish Universities and the touring club, the Wolfhounds, which should have been a bright, open affair with nothing of undue consequence at stake, became a different proposition when the internand, national selectors gathered in force at Lansdowne Road yesterday. Clearly, in their present mily harassed situation, they are prepared to grasp at any straw before meeting next Saturday to choose the team against France on the same ground on Saturday fortnight, but yesperday's affair only emphasized the shallowness of the talent available this season.

In a game which developed

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In a game which developed along door, safety first lines, the Universities, weaker on paper but keener in spirit, were confortable winners by two tries and two penalty goals to tal. From the trial aspect there was an early and sharp disappointment for soon it became obvious that Dick Milliten's return to the international team is entirely out of the question against the French.

The big, strong ceutre who was

tion against the French.

The big, strong centre who was one of the successes of the Lions tour in South Africa in 1974, appearing in all four internationals, sustained a severely fractured ankle in September of 1975 and has only recently been able to resume his playing career. When he walks he has an obvious limp and if that is less apparent when he runs the fine edge of his game is sadly blunted. a and Having accomplished nothing of Having accomplished nothing of note in the first 35 minutes he suffered a back injury and took no further part in the proceed-

Sending out a superb service of passes and making a couple of searing brees, Robbie, Ireland's present scrum half looked to be the one back of really top quality on view, and from a future aspect he did a great deal to promote the proscpects of his 20-year-old lable partner, Coakley, Although he looks to be rather too slightly built. Coakley is strong and wiry and inquestionably extremely promising. He and Robbie were considerably more useful than Ward and Molloy, and with the three quarters on either side lacking the pace or footwork to beat keen, hard tacking, the selectors D. spent an unproductive afternoon.

The Wolfhounds forwards did little to promote their prospects, either. Steele at No 8 tried hard to inject some fire inot the work, but only McLean gave him really adequate support. The standard of Irish forward play is depressingly low at message.

low at present.

In the fifteenth and twentyseventh minutes Coakley punished lineout offences with two well struck penalty kicks and on the struck for O'Leary to send Fortune over at the right corner. The right wing also got the second my 10 minutes from the end after a fine break from a scrum by Hall.

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Motor racing

#### Pryce's Shadow puts Hunt in the shade

England will play their crucial European table tennis league match against Federal Germany.

in Munster today, without the England champion, Denis Neale, who has influenza.

Johannesburg, March 2.—Tom Pryce, of Great Britain, in a Shadow, had the fastest lap time during today's official practice for the South African Grand Prix at the Kyalami circuit on Saharday, Pryce's lap time was 1min 31.57 sec, which gave him an average speed of 100 mph.

The Weishman's time was considerably slower than the Imin 15sec set by John Watson, of Ireland, last Friday in unofficial practice. Rainy weather slowed speeds today as drivers tested speeds today as drivers tested their cars on the new track sur-face. The weather had been bot and sunny during practices. Siki Lauda, of Austria, returned

Niki Lauda, of Austria, returned the second fastest time of finia 32.38sec in his Ferrari, Hans Stuck, of West Germany, was third when he lapped at lania 33.18sec, eRacfrice Times: 1 T. Proc. (CB). Shadow, Insin 31.51sec; U. N. Larda (Austrie). Ferrari, 137.53v. J. Larda (Austrie). Ferrari, 137.53v. J. Larda (Austrie). Seminary (CB). Shadow, Insin 31.51sec; U. N. Larda (CB). Shadow, Insin 31.51sec; U. R. Larda (CB). Surface, 135.17v. G. Reuterman (Larda (St. Nilsson (Sweden), Londa (Larda (CB), McLarca (LG), 31.10v. McLarca (LG), McLarca (LG)

## Ruddock can help clear up heavyweight muddle

upon what Joe Bugner decides to do and whether Richard Dunn intends to carry on. If Bugner concentrates on the international scene, and Dunn stays away, Aird and Ruddock are the two left to clear up the muddled British beavyweight situation.

Ruddock will risk his status, though, when he defends his southern area championship against Ishaq Hussien at Seymour Hall on April 4. On Tuesday's form he should have an great problem against a man no more experienced than himself. He had a definite edge in skill on Moore, who put Dunw McAlinden into retirement and, although he was shing by two good punches, it was his class, and not Moore's fire-power, which decided it. Ruddock got home comfortably by a three-round margin. upon what loe Bunner decides to

Denton Ruddock, who lost a final British heavyweight world light heavyweight tide against Billy Aird, heat Tony Moore, of Hendon, over eight rounds at Seymour Hall. London, on Tuesday might. It was his eighth contest. His immediate future depends

Hutchins had another sparring session yesterday with his 23-year-old heavyweight partner, figure Grandham. Hank Grooms, his manager, said that he expected his nian to spar again today.

Sid Nathan, of London, will referee the Conteh-Hutchins bout. Hutchins's manager had asked for neutral officials, but agreed that the referee should be British and that the two judges should be appointed by the European Boxing Union.

Union.

Leon Spinks, the American heavyweight, winner of the light heavyweight gold medal at last year's. Montreal Olympics, flew into Literpool yesterday in preparation for a supporting spot on the bill. Spinks, who arrived without his training gear, which was lost in Philadelphia en route, will box Perer Freeman, of Bolton.

# Sports Council use today's plan to avoid tomorrow's frustration

By Geoffrey Green

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The Sports Council, originally conceived on an advisory footing, was set up as an independent statutory body by Edward Heath's Government and now works closely with the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Denis Howell, and the Department of the Environment. It consists of some 20 members under the chairmanship of Sir Robin Brook.

Mr Walter Winterbottom, once manager of the England football team and organizer of coaching at the Football Association, is a key figure as director of the council's permanent officials. To learn something of its workings I crossed gingerly the boundaries to another world, by invitation of one of its members, General Sir James Wilson, GOC South East District, perhaps more widely known to readers of The Sunday Times as James Wilson, a football correspondent for the past two decades.

A colleague of many a crammed. dusty press box over those years, often in search of a spare telephone at the final whistle, it was a sharp contrast to observe him in his disciplined military splen-

dour. The aide-de-camp was on call in the next room, files and letters for signature were precisely

Notwithstanding the powder burns of older wars, the days studdedly seemed to come up, as if on an endless conveyor belt, and drop into the past. As Gene Fowler, an American, wrote: "These were men who lived intensely, as do children and poers and jaguars." "The Sports Council, in full, meets half a dozen times a veat". Sir James ex-Notwithstanding the times a year", Sir James ex-plained, as we hummed through the Hampshire countryside in a car driven by a Sergeant dedicated to the cause of Tottenham Hotspur.

arranged in battle order on a highly polished desk where French once wrote remarkable love letters. "My own private correspondence these days", Sir James said with a laugh, "is mostly to people like Matt Busby and Joe Mercer. Scarcely so romantic, but rather more fun." Photographs of bemedalled, honoured leaders, brass hats of bygone days, decorated the office walls. "To contemplate that Rogue's Gallery makes me feel very humble". Sir James added with an admiring, respectful laugh. "Great men like the Duke of Connaught. Buller, French, Haig, Dill and so many others."

"The real work is done by various committees whose recom-

mendations—if they do their home-work correctly—are usually rati-fied by the whole council. The help available is, of course, gov-erned by the general financial situation, but at present we have some £9m to dishurse, which, in an ideal world, is too little. In those terms, indeed, the council's direct power is somewhat limited. "On the other hand we have considerable ability to influence things which, I think, is our main things which, I think, is our main contribution to affairs. If the council decides on a grant to something, one hopes the project has been thoroughly researched and that the money given is being spent properly in the interests of sport. We see the governing of all sports but what we never do is try to interfere in their workings."

As recent president of the Army

As recent president of the Army Cricket Association and present chairman of the Army FA, Sir James represents the three armed services on the council. The two committees that involve him concommittees that involve him con-cern facilities and development. The Army in the south-east dis-trict, for instance, is particularly well endowed in the Aldershot area with countless cricket, football, rugby and hockey pitches. There is a first-class athletics track, floodlighting and even a fine arti-ficial skt slope. Rugby League

#### **England facing** France with new look

There are four new caps in the England Rugby League team to meet France in the European triangular tournament match at Carcassone on March 20. They are Bruce Burton, of Castleford, David Ward, of Leeds, Vince Farrar, of Featherstone Rovers, and Eddie Bowman, of Workington Town, who is one of two substitutes.

The selectors have made sweeplng changes in the team who lost
6—2 to Wales on January 29,
picking a new pack. Only four
players—Fairbaira, Dyll, Wright
and Millward—are retained. ENGLAND: G. Fairbairn (Wigan): K. Fielding (Safford). Z. Finghes (Widnes). L. D. H. Lloeds). Z. Winght (Widnes). E. Burton (Castlelord). R. Millward (Hull KR): M. Coulman (Saiford). D. Ward I Leeds). V. Love (Hull KR): Rosers). F. Love (Hull KR). Rosers). F. S. Norion (Castlelord).

The second division game between Halifax and Batley, scheduled for last night, was postponed even though the pitch was in perfect condition. The match was criginally due to be played last Sunday and was called off because of snow. It was switched to last night. The Halifax secretary, William Hughes, said: "Batley have told us that the rearrangement was too short notice for their players."

But was a untile to contact

Batley were unable to contact most of their players until Tuesday night's training and, with many of them on shift work, it proved impossible to raise a side. Leslie Driver, the Batley chairman, said that his club had made it clear to Halifax, after Sunday's game was called off, that they had no intention of playing last night. no intention of playing last night.

"If they have advertised and publicized the game that is their fault", he said. "We made it plain that we could not raise a team. There was insufficient time to contact all our players. We should have been given more notice. There is no pank to play this match. Perhaps Halifax wanted to use it to clear up some suspensions."

Curling

Ice hockey

European football

#### Cruyff's fee for one match is \$50,000 plus

Singapore, March 2.—Johan Cruyff, of Barcelona, has expressed his willingness to play for Singapore against any team for a fee of \$50,000. His offer was made to the Football Association of Singapore (FAS) through A. H. C. Jans, a representativeleading professional teams, for

leading professional teams, for whom Cruyff played.

In addition to the \$50,000 Cruyff has also asked for free board and lodging for a party of 10. The party includes his family, close relatives and his manager. The FAS have so far not given any indication that they will accept the terms. Mr Jans, who is now here, is renegodating with the FAS the tour to Singapore by a Dutch first division club. Go Ahead. The Dutch team wanted \$10,000. The FAS were prepared to offer only \$4,000.—Agence France-Presse.

Title defence Rome, March 2.—The European ight-heavyweight champion Mate Parlov of Yugoslavia will defend his title against an Italian chal-lenger Domenico Adinolfi in Rome on March 25, the Italian Boxing Federation announced today.—Reuter. Four sponsored teams will com-pete in the five-day Scottish Milk Race in July—the first professional entry in the 14 years of the event's history. The principle of allowing professionals and amateurs to com-

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Milk Race's first

Cycling ?

pete on equal terms has been sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee and the Inter-national Cycling Union. Rritain have entered four pro-fessional teams—Carlton, Bantel and Holdsworth—and there will be a Swiss representation as well. Sixty riders will compete in the race, which will take place from July 20 to July 24.

Fencing

#### Britain pick pair from Hongkong-

Gary and Kenric Li, who came to this country from Hongkong in 1964, are in Britain's mam for the 1864, are in Britain's ream for the world youth fencing championships in Vienna from April 6-10. They will compete in the sabre tournament and hope to enhance their effort to represent Hongkong in next year's British Federation championships.

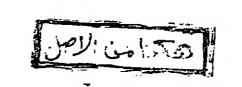
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Howness Racing Lingfield win can earn talent

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Wolfhous By far the most interesting runner at Lingfield Park today is runner at Lingfield Park today is In the most interesting runner at Lingfield Park today is Zarib, who may be allowed to rake his chance in the Gold Cup at Cheltenham later this month. His trainer, Fred Rimell, said earlier in the week that Zarib would run either today in the Surrey Novices Steeplechase or in an alternative race at Hereford on Saturday because he was anxious that his horse should gain more experience before Cheltenham.

Understandably wary of the weather, Rimell has opted for the earliest opportunity and it will be both surprising and disappointing if a horse of Zarib's class fails. He won his first steeplechase easily enough at Cheltenham at the beginning of January and then did even better against Lanzarote at Sandown Park, even though he was beaten three lengths in the end. He was trying to give Lanzarote weight that day. A lapse of concentration brought about disaster in his next race at Ayr, where he was very easily indeed.

but Zarib atoned for that mistake in his next race at Ayr, where he won very easily indeed.

With Fin and Jimmy Miff also in the field this afternoon, Zarib is guaranteed a proper test. Fin has run well in both his steepletchases, but a greater danger on this occasion could be Jimmy Miff, who jumped like a stag at Wincanton a week ago when he won by 15 lengths. He led from start to finish and never looked like relaxing the stranglehold that he nock on the race from the outset. Caught in a similar frame of mind again today Jimmy Miff should Caught in a similar trame or mind sgain today Jimmy Mift should certainly lead Zarib a merry dance for much of the race. But, towards the end, the class of the horse who once won the Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham ought to account itself.

Assert itself.

Sing Shaw, who became Peter
Cundell's 100th winner in only two
and a half years' training when he and a balf years' training when he won at Kempton Park last Friday, is out to add to his laurels in the Felcourt' Handicap Steeplechase, and it will be a brave man who ways categorically that he will not win again today, even though he has been penalized. The thought occurred at Kempton that King Shaw might be well handicapped and that proved to be the case. It is quite possible that he is still a step in front of the handicapper, who is certain not to look upon him in such a kindly light in the future in view of the way he has run his run range this separations.

Lingfield Park programme

2.0 WORTH WOOD HURDLE (Novices: 4-y-o: £436: 2m)

2.30 FELCOURT STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £789: 3m)

3.0 SURREY STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £2,185: 2m)

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2.15 BROMFIELD STEEPLECHASE (Div I: Part II: Novices:

2.45 STOKESAY HURDLE (Handicap: £995: 3ml ff)

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2.45 STOKESAY HURDLE (Handicap: £995: 3m 1f)

1.45 BORDER HURDLE (Handicap: £446; 2m 1f)

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while the iron is still hor. King Shaw came home by 10 lengths at Plumpton and then he won by seven at Kempton. On the last named course he jumped brilliantly and was never in any danger of being caught once Martin O'Halloran had given him his head five fences from the finish.

Sea Swell proved that he is a useful young stayer when he won first at Haydock Park and then again at Maydock Park and then again at Nottingham, but I cannot visualize him giving King Shaw 13 lb by the time that O'Halloran has claimed his allowance. Ebony Rock has already won over today's course and distance this season and his connexions are now talking of running him in the Cannot have the season. national, but that does not mean to say that he will be capable of beating King Shaw in his present

form.

Never out of the first two in three races since he came from New Zealand to join Stan Mellor's string. Subaltern ought to keep strius. Sub-litern out to keen his good record up in the Heddon Novices Handicap Hurdle. This prize should be easy prey if only he runs as well as he did at Ascot, where he beat all but that improved burdler, Midsummer Lad. At the end of the afternoon Tommy Tiddler (4.0) and Royal Rudolf (4.30) can give their trainer, Josh Gifford, something to crow about by winning their respective races and landing a double for Findon.

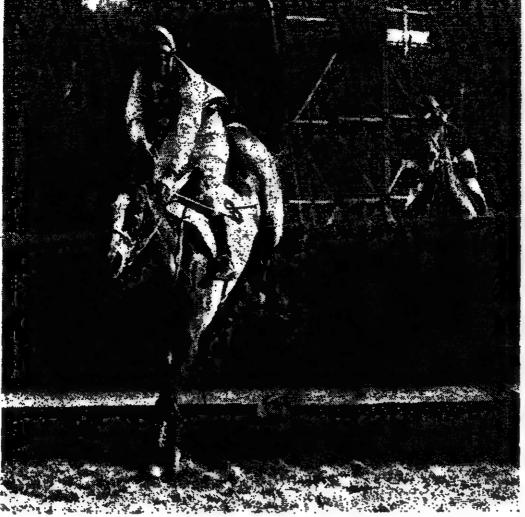
At Lingfield Park yesterday Devid Morley's nice big five-year-old, Tragus, booked his ticket to Cheltenham for either the Lloyds Bank Champion Novices Hurdle or the Sun Alliance Hurdle, or to Chepstow where his objective would be the Panama Cigar Hurdle final.

Judged on the way that Tragus

Judged on the way that Tragus humped his big weight to victory on the most testing ground at Lingfield Park yesterday in the first division of the Orpington Novices Hurdle he will not be out of his depth in whichever race his connendous plump for. Tragus was to have run at Doncaster on Monday, but when frost put paid to that meeting Morley quickly arranged for him to travel south to Lingfield because he was existent that such a gross horse should have another race before the National Hunt festival.

Many thought that Thepolino, another horse who was frustrated by the weather at Doncaster on he was a such a gross horse who was frustrated by the weather at Doncaster on he was a such a gross horse who was frustrated by the weather at Doncaster on he was a such a grown of the weather at Doncaster on he was a such a grown of the weather at Doncaster on he was a such a grown of the weather at Doncaster on he was a grown of the weather

Handicap Hurdle and those who did so certainly backed their



Making hay at Lingfield: Harvest on his way to victory in the Hidden Mystery Steeplechase

opinion with their money to such an extent that Tiepolino's price shortened from 15-8 on to 9-4 on, which were unbelievably cramped odds when you conconsidered that Tiepolino had never won over the distance and also took into consideration his also took into consideration his big weight and the testing-state of the ground. Tiepolino was going well enough racing down the hill when I thought that he was poised to win, but he ran out of steam halfway up the straight. In the end he could finish only third to Lintam and Prosen and a rather remote third at that.

at that.

Tiepolino was Bob Champion's second disappointing ride. Earlier in the afternoon Champion had finished last on Viewfinder, who started favourite for the Hidden Mystery Handicap Steeplechase. It is possible that this race came too snow for Viewfinder after his

3.30 HEDDON HURDLE (Handicap: Novices: £473: 2m)

4.0 GODSTONE STEEPLECHASE (Handican: £805: 2m)

By Our Racing Correspondent 2.0 Great Things, 2.30 KING SHAW is specially recommended. 3.8 Zarib. 3.30 Subaltern. 4.0 Tommy Tiddler. 4.30 Royal Rudolf. By Our Newmarket Correspondent

3.15 FORBRA STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,115: 3m)

7-4 Master Spy. 4-1 Systatcher, 5-1 The Pilgarile, Rose Royal, 9-1 Sixer, Sharny Syste, 16-1 others.

4.45 TENBURY HURDLE (Handicap: £862: 2m 1f)

3.45 BROMFIELD STEEPLECHASE (Div II: Part 1: £442: 2m)

4.15 BROMFIELD STEEPLECHASE (Div II: Part II: £438:

4.45 TENBURY HURDLE (Handicap: £862: 2m 1f)

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20 11-10-10 Mr A. Walter 7
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1.15 Spartau Sandal. 1.45 Hello Sailor. 2.15 Isleamrada. 2.45 Mr Large.

3.15 MASTER SPY is specially recommended. 3.45 Fair Gazette. 4.15 Red Earl. 4.45 Moonstrike.

Tommy Tiddjer, 7-2 Arter Star, 4-1 Bucks, 10-1 Cruiscin Lan, 12-1 Wild Pirate. 4.30 EDENBRIDGE HURDLE (Handicap: 5589: 21m)

Lingfield Park selections

3.30 Deliwood Prince. 4.0 Crniscin Lan.

last which was at Wincanton only last Thursday, but at the same time it is also possible to argue that Viewfinder ran much too freely on the ground for his own good and he was certainly a spent force long before the end. . His race was won by the bottom His race was won by the bottom weight Harvest, who I can recall; seeing beat that useful steeple-chaser, Lord Browndodd, on similar ground at Worcester in December. Harvest is trained by Diane Oughton at Findon and yesterdev he was ridden most judicously by Christopher Read. Happilly for Champion the day anded on a much brighter note. He won the Westerham Handicap Steeplechase on Stationmaster and completed the double by winning

completed the double by winning the second division of the Orpington Novices Hurdle on Serpent Prince, who certainly revelled in chases.

It was as recently as last Saturday that Stationmaster won at Kempton Park and be was certainly dot troubled to win again. Cundell envisages bringing him out again at Newbury towards the end of this month for another race that should suit him down to the ground.

Lanzarote backed

Lanzarota has been backed to win £15,000 with Ladbrokes in the Cheltenham Gold Cup and his odds have been trimmed from 7-2 to 3-1. Other prices: 4-1 Fort Devon, 11-2 Bannow Rambler, 6-1 Border Incident, 12-1 others.



#### Sun Lion plays cat and mouse

By Michael Seely

Gordon Richards, his hopes of a double with Pattern Maker and Levelled Out having been dashed at Doncaster on Tuesday, was back in sparkling form at Wetherby yesterday. The Greystoke trainer captured both the principal races, winning the Thorner Randicap Steeplechase with the 11-8 favourite. Current Gold, and the winning the Thorner Randicap Steeplechase with the 11-8 favourite, Current Gold, and the Micklethwaite Handicap Hurdle with Sun Lion, David Goulding rode Current Gold and John O'Neill was the winning jockey on Sun Lion. Both riders were seen to great advantage.

Current Gold is a horse who refuses to be burried in the early stages. Goulding waited patiently at the rear of the field for the first two miles. Looming up smoothly in the straight, the six-year-old mastered Ben More after jumping the second last, and won easily by seven lengths.

In direct converse O'Neilli

easily by seven lengths.

In direct contrast, O'Nelli played cat and mouse with his field on Sun Lion. Waiting in front, the jockey's main preoccupation was to prevent the 5-2 favourite Midao's battling qualities being brought into play. On the final circuit, he was always travelling the stronger. Between the last two hurdles Paddy Broderick asked Midao for a final effort. Responding gamely the five-year-old took off half a length behind at the final hurdle but blundered badly, and lost all his momentum. The favourite renewed his challenge on the flat momentum. The favourite renewed his challenge on the flat but the damage had been done. Sun Lion won by one and a half lengths with Rubstic 12 lengths aware mire!

lengths with Rubstic 12 lengths away, third.

Sum Lion is not entered at the National Hunt Meeting, but may be aimed at the George Duller Handicap at Cheltenham's April meeting. Current Gold, however, will take his chance in the Sun Alliance Steeplechase. Richards's other intended runners at the Festival are Tamalin in the Gold Cup, Game Laddie in the four-mile National Hunt Steeplechase, and Cromwell Road in the Mildmay of Flete Challenge Cup. Levelled Out, who appeared to be ridden a shade over confidently when second to Dusty May at Doncaster, will carry bottom weight in the National Hunt Handicap Steeplechase.

As regards Haydock Park's fea-As regards Haydock Park's fea-ture races on Saturday, the Greenall Whitley Brewery Steeple-chase and the Victor Ludorum Hurdle, the picture is still con-tused. Corals received backing for Sir Garnet yesterday and the eight-year-old is now Lavourite at 9-2. Broncho II has been pushed out a-point to 6-1. But neither borse is a certain starter. The poling is a certain starter. The going is reported to be soft at Haydock and Richards is unwilling to subject Sir Garnet, who was narrowly beaten by Andy Pandy at the last Haydock Park meeting, to another hard race before Aintree. However, the meldier is another the weldier is another than the weldier is another the weldier is another than the weldier is another than the weldier is another than the welling the well than tree: However, the gelding is undeniably well handicapped, and £8.000 is not to be succeed at. The trainer's final decision will depend on the same continuous statements. depend on the going.

In the big four-year-old hurdle race, Corals now have Willie Stephenson's impressive Fontwell winner, St Torbay, as their favourite at 7-2. The Triumph Hurdle

# Bedser favourite to continue as chairman of selectors

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
The England selection committee for the coming season, with its series against Australia, will be announced from Lord's roday after the statutory meeting of the Test and County Cricket Board. Of those who served last year, Sir Leonard Hutton is unavailable for business reasons. Standing for reelection are Ken Barrington, Alec Bedser and C. S. Elliot. Nointrated for consideration are D. V. Brennan, the former Yorkshire wicketicesper, R. T. Simpson, formerly of Nottinghamshire, and John Murvay, who retired as Middleser's wicketkeeper at the end of the 1975 season.

After choosing the side that has just won in India the chances are that Messrs Bedser (as chairman). Barrington and Elliot will be asked to carry on where they left off to carry on where they left off last September. As the one of the other three most in touch with the modern game Murray will probably make up the number. Although it does no harm to have a selector from Yorkshire, if may be therefore the Efficient of the second that the

se thought that Elliot, as chair-nan of the Derbyshire cricket committee, car take care of corthern interests for the time Reginald Simpson is regularly Reginald Simpson is regularly proposed but never adequately supported, which is a pity. Although of a strongly technical bent he is a stampen advocate of attack. Others to be canvassed from time to time are Colin Ingleby-MacKenzie, who has been only an occasional visitor to the first-class scene since his colourful presence was lost to it; M. J. K. Smith, who is too busy running his country club in the Midlands to be available; Leslie Ames, who at the age of 71 has to particular wish to assume such responsibili-

already had 10 years as a selector, ending in 1968 and Ray Illingworth, who will no doubt be yound on before long. Those who feel the time has come to make a change from the chairmanship of Alec Bedser may have to wait until there is a more obvious successor to him than there is at the moment.

Bedser has been a selector for 15 years. Sir Pelham Warner selected his first England side in 1905 and his last in 1938, though as late as 1953 be was helping to choose the MCC team to go to West Indies. Sir Stanley Jackson was a selector in 1946, 53 years after his first having played for England. At that rate Bedser has a long time to go but whether he has or not it would be nice to see him achieve this sugmer bis see him achieve this summer his great ambition of picking an England side that regains the

been working on the usual hardy annuals—such as the points scor-ing system in the county cham-pionship sponsored by Schweppes and the fairest way, of finding sides which fail to bowl 19.5 overs to the hour Amore series players to the hour. Among senior players at the moment there is a cyclical opinion that the significance of openion hat the significance of over-rates is exaggerated. Having just watched England and India averaging under 12 six-ball overs for the whole of a five day Test match in Madras, I am convinced of the dangers of this view and the negligence with which ampires, not only in India, tackle

McDION is made in the agency for today's meeting of Kookaburta balls and the possibility of their being used in a limited number of champtonship matches. From what I know the Kookaburra ball

keeps its shine so long that if it is used at all it should not be polished. How about a no polishing rule for a season, as a way of encouraging spinners?
And what about a regulation, to save time, that when balls go out of shape they may be changed only at intervals?

B team tours and other representative cricket at a junior are also under consideration. These are schemes long thought about but which have always foundered for want of money. As an aid to bringing on prospective Test cricketers they could be more unlikely that are devi-Test cricketers they could be more valuable than all the one-day competitions pur together. But one-day cricket attracts the sponsors, and sponsors bring wealth and wealth is what cricketers spend more time thinking about than they ever used to do, simply because, happily, there is more money in the game than there has ever been.

This is what another far reaching item on today's agenda has to do with—namely the wearing clothing. At the moment it is not allowed. Soon it will be, in some allowed. Soon it will be, in some distreet form or other, either on the pocket of a player's shirt or on the hip pocket of his trousers or perhaps the collare of his shirt because he so often wears a sweater. In these days of wide-spread television, advertisers see sportsmen as valuable agents. Next week, when England play Australia in Melbourne, we shall be provided with an hour's highlights on the TV every evening. It would be surprising, were several of the Australian team to be would be surprising, were several
of the Australian team to be
wearing, for example, the symbol
of a certain deer on their
sweaters, if viewers to this country
were unaware what deer it was
by the time the Test match ended.

#### Humiliating defeat for MCC

Colombo, March 2 .- Sri Lanka, who had beaten the previous two MCC touring teams in one-day games, did it again here today, winning by three wickets just before a tropical storm broke over the ground. A crowd of 20,000 went wild when de Silva lofted Cope for four to chick victory. It was a fine victory, but it was achieved against a depleted and somewhat disinterested MCC team. On this performance alone, Sri Lanka can hardly expect to gain recognition as a major Test

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Malimperuma
D. Barlow, c and b Warnapura
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B. W. Tolchard, c Opatha, b
Kalimperuma
E. Lever, not cut
A. Cope, 1-b-w. b Opatha
L. W. W. Selvey, 1-b-w. b Opatha
Extras (b 5, 1-b 6, n-b 1)

TOTAL (27.2 OVERS) FALL OF WICKETS: 1—19, 2—20; 3—59 4—19, 5—85, 6—87, 7—102, 8—115, 9—123, 10—123.

BOWLING: Opatha, 5.2—1—30—3; Channugam. 6—0—23—1; do Silva, 5—1—10—0; Warnapara, 6—1—24—3; Kaluperuma, 5—0—56—3.

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# All the world will be there except crinolined ladies mote) accommodation within a three-mile radius of Melbourne Cricket Ground was booked out and it was becoming increasingly difficult to find other accommoda-

Melbourne, March 2.-The centenary Test match between England and Australia here next week could break all records for attendance at a cricket match. The Victorian Cricket Association secretary, Devid Richards, made the forecast today in estimating that up to 100,000 people might watch each of the opening three days of the five-day match.

"We expect 80,000 to 85,000 people to watch ou these holiday days and if the weather is right the figure could go up to 100,000." Mr Richards, one of the six-man Test planning committee, said. This would beat the 90,800 people who saw Australia play West Indies here in 1961 and, if attendances were maintained for attendance at a cricket match. The would arrive in Melbourne over the next week from overseas and other parts of Australia. Victorian police have drawn up plans to deal with the large crowds and their biggest headache will come on the last day of the Test when the Queen attends the match.

The Queen will have export advice to call on during her stay. Some 200 of the world's greatest living cricketers have had their expenses paid to come from all over the world to watch the match. They include nearly all surviving previous England Australian Test cricketers. The oldest is the Szyear-old former Australian captain.

West Indies here in 1961 and, if attendances were maintained for the other two days, would exceed the record 350,534 people who were present for the five days of the third Test between Australia and England here in 1937.

Visitors have already started arriving here from Britain, West Indies, South Africa as well as from cricket "colonies" in unlikely places like the Philippines and the United States, The Test starts on March 12. gractly 100 sants on March 12, exactly 100
years after the two countries
played here in a match which led
to the birth of Test cricket.
Melbourne has not had an
influx of visitors like it since the

year-old former Australian captain. Jack Ryder, while the veteran of the former English players is the 84-year-old Percy Fender, who played against Ryder in the first Test series after the First World

AUSTRALIA : G. Chappell (caprain), R. Marsh, R. Bright, B. Cosier, I. Davis, G. Gilmour, D. Hookes, D. Lillee, R. McCosker, K. O'Keaffe, M. Walker and D. Walker, Twalfth, man to be an Olympic Games were held here in Walters. Twelfth man to be an-1956. The Victorian Government nounced on the opening day of Tourist Bureau said that hotel and the match.

iton.

It is incredibly hectic. People are coming from everywhere, a bureau spokesman said. He estimated more than 10,000 people would arrive in Melbourne over

#### Inshan Ali and Jumadeen in 12

Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, March ing. However, both bowled impres-1.—Expecting a pitch favouring sively for Trimdad in the recent match against the Pakistani touring team on a helpful pitch and. included the left-arm spin bowlers, in conditions they know well, are in conditions they know well, are in conditions they know well, are expected to be in the final leaven. The second Test match against for th

Ice skating

# British merit conceals secret flaw

Tokyo, March 2

Janet Thompson and Warren Maxwell opened up the possibility of an unexpected medal for Britain in the world figure skating championships here today. It is unexpected only because it flies in the face of statistical precedent, not because they lack the raient. Since they were fourth in the European championships at Helsinki and are now involved in Helsinki and are now involved in global competition a place on the podium ought, strictly speaking, to be beyond their capacity. Yet after the first two elements of the ice dance event they lie second to the favourites, Irina Moiseyeva and Andrei Minenkov, of the Soviet Union, known in the trade as Min and Mo, with Kristina Regozy and Andras Sallay, of Hungary, third and Natalia Linichuk and Gennadi Karponosov, the second Russian couple, fourth. thus and Gennaut karponosov, the second Russian couple, fourth. The final placings in the European champlonshps left the Hungariaus in second place and the second Russians third.

There is still some way to go.

There is still some way to go. two more compulsory elements tomorrow and the free programme on Friday night, but the British pair have struck a shrewd blow. Not only have they outscored opponents who might have hoped to surpass them, but the results list now published is a psychological reminder to the judges that they are medal material. There should be no place for psychology, of course, but try telling that to the skaters, the trainers and soundry other fellow-travellers.

The compulsories do not produce the best of Min and Mo, so expressive when released from the straitjacket of established movestraitjacket of established move-ments and the bondage of the rule book, and we need have no doubt that when the competition ends on Friday aight they will be clutching the gold, as they did two years ago

winner, St Torbay, as their favourite at 7-2. The Triumph Hurdle favourite, Decent Fellow, who will be withdrawn if the ground is bad, is joint second choice in the market at 9-2, with the Yellow Pages winner, Rathcourath.

Cabroly, Peter Easterby's four-year-old bas had his price cut from 16-1 to 5-1. Chartered Course, who is strongly fancied to give Peter's brother Michael his second successive victory in the Triumph is a 12-1 chance. His owner, Len Marginson said yesterday that he is in two minds whether to run at his local course on Saturday or to keep Chartered Course fresh for Cheltanham.

At Ludlow this afternoon Master Spy can confirm his trainer Tim Forsta Gold Challenge Cup Handlicap. At Wincauton recently, Master Spy was most impressive.

ledge. The second British couple, kay Barsdell and Kenneth Foster, are seventh, microring their posi-tion at the same stage at Helsinki, allowing for the intrusion of a Canadian couple in sixth place. The pitfalls embodied in the short programmes of the other

short programmes of the other three events were touched upon in this column yesterday. They claimed another unsuspecting victim today when Anett Pötzsch, usually so dependable, fluffed her combination and surendered fifth place in the women's championship to another 16-year-old, Linda Fratianne, of the United States. All this flows from one single mistake, a lapse that would go unpunished in the free programme in front of the full house tomorrow. Among the compulsory elements demanded today was a double loop jump in combination. Miss Pötzsch chose to introduce it here with a triple salchow but fell on the landing and neverattempted the double loop. Thus her marks ranged from 5.0 to 5.3, command with the double loop 5.3, command with the double loop 5.3, command with the double loop. her marks ranged from 5.0 to 5.3, compared with an average of 5.6 at Helsinki.

Miss Fratianne brought everything off to perfection. She was the only skater to achieve a triple jump, again a triple salchow, and it was followed by a flawless double loop. Perhaps her combination spin fell away a little, but it was fully compensated by a superb catch-foor sitspin by way of introduction. The judges were almost unanimous in evaluation of technical merit, all marking her 5.8 except for the Italian, who raised her to 5.9.

Miss Fratianne is a more accomplished free skater than Miss Potzsch, as their comparative marks in this competition at Göteborg a year ago clearly show, and it is fair to say that only Miss Fratianne can prevent her from winning now. Miss Fratianne has only to skate to her true potential tomorrow night and the title must be hers. It is her character that will be on trial, not her skating.

There was only one other attempt at a triple jump, toe loon—by the 14-year-old Swiss, Denise Biellmann—but she was unable to land it without touching down and Miss Fratianne brought every-

fiellmann—but she was unable to land it without touching down and thus critically omitted the double loop. She was, understandably, downcast when confronted by a battery of Japanese journalists at a callously nunecessary press con-ference, but her day will surely

Karena Richardson, the British champion, performed a splendid short, and would surely have been more generously marked had she not appeared so carly in the evening, when the judges tend to hold something in reserve, Geoffrey Yates, the British judge, gave her two marks of 5.3 : otherwise she had to be satisfied with a range from 4.7 to 5.1. This raised

Irina Rodnina won her ninth successive world title and the fifth with Alexandr Zaitsev, now her husband, in the pairs tonight. The threat posed by their younger compatriots, Irina Vorobieva and Alexandr Vlasov, vanished almost at the start, for they never got near their projected thrown triple

Much the same thing had happened at Helsinki, but whereas then they went to pieces they now recovered sufficiently to string together a thoroughly presentable set of marks, though the five littles who had given them five judges who had given them equal billing to the Zaitsevs in the short programme now deserted them en masse.

The Zaitsevs, on the other hand, had almost finished their programme when the husbard lost his footing during an indiscriminate passage that seemed to offer no danger. That apart, they skated superbly with a programme that included a number of interesting departures from their usual style. In spite of Zaitser's mistake, their compatriot. Valentin Pissey, gave them a mark of 6.0 for artistic impression.

The bronze medal went to the America champions, Tai Babilonia and Randolph Gardner. A double axel confounded Gardner early on.
The third Russian pair, Sergei
Shakhrai and Marina Cherkasova,
one man and his doll, reproduced their Helsinki coup, a quadruple twist lift, and finished fourth.

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WOMEN (after short programme)

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(22); 5. A. Poetzsch (EG), 84.48

(23); 4. B. Smith (US), 82.24 (11.5),
5. S. Driano (laby), 82.76 (43.5);
6. W. Burge (US), 81.80 (16.7)

8. M. Weber (DU), 80.16 (16.7)

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lur Marche Mr N. Henderson (7-2) 3 ALSO RAN: 7-2 Fashjon Man. 9-2 Kear. 8-1 Talahache Bridge (4th). 2-1 Bun Abba. 1-4-1 Banking Groen 1. 55-1 Tangled Knight. 9 ran. TOTE: win, '27p; places, 17p. 23p. 1.46. D. Morley, at Bary St Edmunds. . 10i. Princely Chief did not run.

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(A. Ross), 7-10-0 C. Read (3-1)

Parkhouse ..... C. Brown (9-2) 2 Churchtown Boy G. Thorner (9-2) 3 ALSO RAN- 15-8 fav Vlewfinder, TOTE Win, 32p; forecast, 21.25, Mrs D. Oughton, at Findon, 41, 20t, Alexangle did not run. 3.50 (3.52) MEDWAY HURBLE (Rendicap: £894: 2m)
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p. Cartwright (16-1) 1
Master Sutcher C. Bowen (14-1) 2
Tigodine R. Chempion (4-9 Ly) 3 ALSO PAN 7-1 Barry John (4th), 10-1 Frosen, 53-1 Bonidon, 49-1 Sarpedon, Carlos Boy, 8 ran. TOTE: Win, 79p places, 18p. 15p. 12p; dual forecast, £4.33. D. Barons, at Kingsbridge, 51, 6L 4.30; 1. Serpent Prince (11-8 fav); 2. Hot Hand (6-2); 3. Newlands Elf (33-1), 15 ran

B. Cartwright
S. Morshcad
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R. Dickin
P. Warner
S. Davies 7
R. Mangan 3
R. Hyett
R. Evans

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ALSO RAN: 2-1 few Flying Hogue (4th), 3-1 Duc De Bolebec, 12-1 Tomans Rope, 14-1 Lautern Eoy, 16-1 Arctic Hill, Estate Agent, 20-1 Airock, Aliez Stanwick (40), Beau Brigg, Seiby, Shuty Boy, 23-1 Sir Destrier, 33-1 Blou Henel, Chesswood, Daniel B. Doctor Feelgood, Likely Boy, Memerby, Old Tot, Royal Tempest, Sackbut, withben Hell. 25 ran. Whitempolii, ch h, by Sunacelli-dam unknown (Mrs A. Newton), 7-10-7 . P. A. Chariton (15-2: Pring Crew . . . D. Turnbull (9-2) 2 Kairosa . . . B. Nichoffs (25-1) 3 ALSO RAN: 9-1 fav Rockery Nook, 4-1 Clever Princo, 8-1 Senior Wrangler (4th), Gold Prince, 7 ran,

Ludlow selections

By Our Racing Staff

ALSO RAN: 4-1 Carnival Day, 5-1
50kstone (Jth), 8-1 Miss Quilp, 10-Y
Royal Humbress, 20-1 Relandance (p),
25-1 Red Wolf (p), Roman Titlin, 10
ran,
TOTE: Win, 41p: places, 15p, 22p,
77p; dual forwesst, 87p, G, Richards,
at Graystoke, 11-1, 121. TOTE: With, 65p: places, 21p. 17p. 54p; dupi forecast, 51,50. M. Naughton, at Richmend, J., 25t. Tockwith did not run, Rule 4 does not apply. 2.45 (2.47) MICKLETHWAFTE HURDLE (Handicap: £935; 3m)

5.15 (3.18) SICKLINGHALL STEEPLE-CHASE (Novices: £747: 2m) Fine Talk, b m, by Worden II— Fine Bay (Mrs E. Inghem), 8-11-1 . A. Harrism (20-1) Old Walter
Mr H. Orde-Powlett (20-1)
Calenpater . Mr E. Jewitt (20-1) ALSO RAN: 100-50 fav Manda Manor, 4-1 Cattle King (f), 6-1 Hampiy Dompty (s), Coing My Way (f), 10-1 Regents Choice (b), 11-1 Geoffrey's Grey (f), Hill End (4h), 14-1 Park Road (s), 16-1 Throthy Jon, 20-1 Jean Premier (f, 25-1 Lord Brack (f), 55-1 Brandes Bay (s), Code of Honour (p), Roman King, 17 ran. TOTE: Win, \$5.96; places, £1.94, £2.80, 86p. B. Wikkman, at Middle-ham, 101, 51. 3.45: 1, Current Gold (11-8 few): 2, Ben More (9-1); 3, Saturk Hyma (10-1), 7 ran.

# An uncomfortable figure

#### Ramsay MacDonald By David Marquand

(Cape, £12.50) The most immediately successful political books are written the winners and survivors, and as surely as Churchill and Eden booted Baldwin back to Bewdley and turned Neville Chamberlain into a malevolent and blundering marionette, so the inheritors of Labour's 1931 catastrophe have refused to forgive, forger and offer decent obsequies to the body and reputation of James Ram-sey MacDonald Until now. "History to the defeated may say Alas but cannot help or pardon": David Marquand, Labour MP for Ashfield from 1966 to 1976 and now with the European Commission in Brussels (MacDonald would have approved), has come very near to proving Auden wrong. Lie has written a brilliant, clearheaded and often very moving

It is not a hagiography; there is no special pleading, neither is it sentimental. Mac-Donald was an uncomfortable figure: no way round that. The first point in Mr Marquand's

favour is that he places Mac-Donald entirely in the context of his own time and resists the easy remptation to view him through the hindsight—slump, unemployment, public spending cuts, coalition talk and all—of ours. He is by training an historian. The second is that, having all the coated to work on an ing elected to work on an enormous narrative frame, he fills it (apart from the usual beginner's tendency to use three illustrations where one

would do) wisely and well.
Looking at his 800 pages and
remembering the (I think)
1,200 devoted to Baldwin by Keith Middlemass and John Barnes, I had feared that the size of political biographies was coming to be dictated inversely by the poverty of their sub-ject's lasting contribution to the national life. Unfair: nobody who reads Ramsay MacDonald could fail to be made aware of two things we had been carefully taught to forget-that in the painstaking development of Labour as a political and parliamentary force, in the sup-planting of Liberalism as chief opposition to the Tories, Mac Donald was the central figure; and that, at the peak of his popularity between 1924 and 1932, he enjoyed a greater per-

sonal following than any twentieth-century British poli-tician except Churchill. His rhetoric was accessible and exciting, while his Scots

sobriety reassured Liberals who looked nervously beyond
Labour to Moscow. He believed
all his life that Labour should
be a party united by like
opinions, not confined to the interests of one class. He was the king's favourite Prime Minister and three times at least George V begged Mac-Donald to remain when he would otherwise have resigned ("You have kept up the dignity of the office without using it to give you dignity, he observed, rather cleverly for a plain old king) and Mr Marquand thinks this may have

been decisive in 1931. With that kind of following, with Lloyd George continually discrediting himself and Asquith down for the last time, himself and there is no saying what Mac-Donald might have done. But by a very British irony, Britain's first Socialist Prime Britain's first Socialist Prime Minister while commending a rebellious spirit" did not believe in social revolution at all. In many ways a Victorian (with touches of Gladstone and Peel, if not, as The New York Times wildly acclaimed, of Danton) he did believe in Darwinian progress, in what Mr Marquand calls an "evolutionary utopianism": once you removed the fear and the want from men, there would be no wickedness and no class war.

there would be no wickedness and no class war.

Socialism was society's supreme form and would evolve not out of Capitalism's collapse, as most believed, but from its success. The trouble was, of course, that during the years when MacDonald led the country (1924 and 1929-35) capitalism was not having much success, and evolutionary utopianism, even without the unprecedented crisis of the unprecedented crisis of the Depression and the Party split over reduced unemployment benefits, never had time to get

off the ground.

Mr Marquand shows concluthickens and the knives flash and fly through the keen air in the manner all too familiar today. And this is the ace up sively that everything Mac-Donald did in 1931—placing, as he believed, the crisis of the

Michael Ratcliffe

loyalty to the Labour move-ment—was foreshadowed in his earlier and lesser known stand of August, 1914, when he re-fused to join other Labour members in supporting a war he believed to be unnecessary and unjust, resigning the leadership for the next nine years. It was a brave thing to do. He attacked the war throughout and welcomed every initiative for peace, including (but not for long) the Russian Revolution. Horatio Bottomley's John Bull called him a traitor, a coward and (which was true, since they had troubled to find his birth certificate) a bastard. In all of this, as in all things, he seems to have stood alone. After the death of his marvel-lous young wife, Margaret, in 1911, together with that of their young son, David, and Mac-Donald's mother, Annie Ram-bert of their say, there was never a day of triumph or despair when he did not wish them by his side, and briefly recorded the sense of loss in his private Diary. (He had, and was close to, four children.) He never belonged to any mainstream of the party and made little effort to convert touchy and difficult colleagues like Henderson and owden to an appreciation of

He was maliciously attacked for his pleasure in high ceremonial and what seems to have been innocent and consoling friendships with a series of friendships with a series of aristocratic women; Beatrice Webb considered his suittings much too fine for a Scottle from the Moray Firth. He got his own back, though: "Interesting point is", he noted tersely of an article of Sidney Webb's in Political Quarterly (1932) "that I alone am blamed and that reason for my downfall is flattery. Whole Webbs diplomacy has consisted in flattery and so they have come to see no other influence in life".

MacDonald had a marvellously sardonic sense of humour which is particularly bracing once the blood of brotherhood



MacDonald in 1900

Mr Marquand's sleeve: he has written the first full-length biography based on Mac-Donald's own papers—1,600 files of them now in the Public Record Office—and the Diary in particular is a discovery of importance and delight. Mac-Donald wrote rather well—a trifle "finely" and Celtictrifle "finely" and Celtic-twilight at times, to be sure, but never, in the many entries which enrich this splendid book, is he dull.

As a self-portrait, the Diary is remarkable: touching, funny,

morbid, affectionate, bitter, sad and frequently unexpected. "I

embodied", he wrote after his final retirement from politics in 1937. "Dining with Lady Grant, Robbie and Malcolm in the train north, I kept wondering who I was and how I would wake up next morning." Five and a half nonths later Labour's first (and lest?) national leader was dead. Mr Marquand disdains both pos-terity's black cap and the sententiousness of rehabilita-tion. He prefers to tell us more about MacDonald than we have ever known before and rarely diverges from a central study that is enthralling sympathetic and scrupulously just.

# Pied piper parson

#### Dick Sheppard By Carolyn Scott

(Hodder & Stoughton, £4.95) The first and official biographer of Dick Sheppard was so overconscious of the magnitude and difficulty of his task that he produced a laborious volume which attempted to treat the subject psychoanalytically. This subject by the street of London to lined the streets of London to see his cortege pass have often talked of him, and his name is still familiar to many, few now whether by accident or design have any clear idea what man-ner of man he was.

Dick Sheppard had some-thing of the Protean character which Paul claimed, that of being "all things to all men". His personal impact on his own age was unique. It was not merely that he seemed to know everybody: rather that everybody knew him in one aspect or another. When radio came, no voice was better known or more listened to. Neither his appearance nor his Neither his appearance nor his voice was particularly remarkable. Yet he was the Pied Piper of those days. He attracted multitudes and could lead them anywhere. He was an enchanter, a kindler, a Prometheus bringing the fire from metheus bringing the fire from heaven. He was also a parson bursting out of ecclesiastical grave-clothes, as well as a well-dressed man about town, very much MCC and I Zingari. But what he was essentially words could not easily convey. How is one to define and interpret an incarnate spiritual force an incarnate spiritual force pouring its energy away into a pottomless well of gratitude?

Carolyn Scott has a certain obvious advantage over those who knew Dick Sheppard well, but dared not attempt a blog-raphy of him. She is a writer to whom he was never even vox et prasterea nihil. Though her book may not be regarded as deserving the full status of a biography, yet in a remark-able way she has created an effective evocation of what manner of man he was; indeed, she conveys a vivid and

true impression of him which

managed. She achieves this by using a method of factual reportage in which narrative and comare throughout subordinated to are throughout subject's on allowing the subject's on writings and speech to express the man himself—a difficult technique of writing which the has successfully brought off in this instance largely because fits the subject. Dick Shep pard's was not a life to be recorded in smooth euphuisic prose. He was spontaneous, un predictable, spirit-driven Miss Scort's rapid reportage style

whether by accident or design, admirably communicates the passion and frustration of the man as he was, Nelson-like in the frailty of his physique and the greatness of his spirit. Was the latter part of his life an unbappy failure? He had spent much of it battering himself against the impervious himself against the impervious Established Church, and in the process omitted to keep his domestic life in repair. His last forlorn hope, the Peace Pledge Union, brought him more antagonists than allies. He died sadly alone. Carolyn Scon's readers may draw from he reporting of these facts the im pression of a tragic figure is truth, and, I imagine, from her intention.

Saints and prophets are to trouble, both to make and to suffer it. They are therefor notoriously hard to live with not least because they are st devoted to serving the Ever devoted to serving me ever-lasting Joy that nothing utien saddens or defeats them. It the clothing of Dick Shep pard's soul joy and wos wer-undeniably woven fine. The consistently emerges through out Carolyn Scott's book, ir which her clear and fulfiller intention is to bring into the consciousness of her own ton-temporaries a burning and ; shining light of yesterday. St well has she done her task has in these pages, "he, being dead, yet speaks".

Joseph McCullock

In: George Mackay Brown'
Pictures in the Cane, a tressurof Orkney tales reaching bacover 300 years are retold by the
main character in the first an

last story. Silver and (soon per haps) uranium that can b

mined from his beloved coast

line are worthless in con-parison, he says, and if the stories aren't passed on his lan-will be lost like Atlantis. Thi-lifesaving commitment is excit-ing. The tough and mild an harnessed in harmony, making-his prose read like a song that emphasizes the crofters' sum.

emphasizes the crofters' gump tion, the human alliances with

seals, the spider who instructed

King Robert Bruce. If nature then, rises as a belomate why shouldn't silver or uranium:

The islanders are shown to be justifiably proud of their us-

grasping response to natural initiatives and beauty, but they rarely express their deep fee-ings about their loss of another chief resource: inhabitants iso

MacInnes adds trim, vivid draw-

The Collected Stories of Noe

Blakiston (Constable, £4.95).

Ignore a self-deprecating into-

duction on the "archaic flavour" of these delightful

stories. They were written from

about 1945 to 1969, exact reflec-

tions on people who occasionally transfigured their times. There

are several masterpieces of wil

grace: a talented old school master, retired to an English

seaside town, emotionally crystallized as an adolescent, is

revived when his former pupils

heap loving wreaths on what they mistakenly think is his grave; a lyrical archivist, flud-

ing Stratford legal evidence that

Shakespeare was regarded as notoriowselve niggardish

with a villainous temper, burns. it. But the moral debate thrives, as ethical tension does in all

A Book of Contemporary Night marcs, edited by Giles Gordon (Michael Joseph, £4.25), In an Ulster pub full of British

Ulster pub full of British soldiers, a girl has arranged to

do to them as she wishes to do to herself; she and they have just over five minutes to live

and to account for themselves before her bomb explodes. The device is familiar—written with freshness and clarity, this story-by Peter Redgrove upforgettably

taut writing patterns. Humour raises its head quite often

specially in Brian W. Aldiss's contribution about a pop group, "Bang-Bang," who are Siamesi

twins trying to tear themselves

literally apart as they sing punk

ends a collection that

love songs.

these sketches.

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# Old complexes

The Arabs By Peter Mansfield (Allen Lane, £8.50)

The Arabs and the English

By Sari J. Nasir

(Longman, £7.50) Congman, £7.50)

Paul Rand Dixon, of the United States Federal Trade Commission, recently apologized to the National Association of Arab Americans for having called Raiph Nader "a dirty Arab". This could, he admitted, "be interpreted as a derogatory reference to Mr Nader's ethnic background or to others of Arab descent", and he desply regretted it. Refusing to apologize personally to Mr Neder, however, he told the Washington Star, "I understand there are Arebs who are not dirty, but Nader is

hear blatantly recist remerks about Arabs from people who would die of shame rather than make the same remarks about West Indians, Africans

or Pakistanis. At first eight chis is paradox-ical Arab civilization has been closer to that of Europe and should be much more readily intelligible to Europeans. How then has so much mistrust and misunderstanding arisen?

This question is considered in both the books under review, although Dr Nasir's is the more limited in much the more finished in scope. His theme is the image of the Arabs as presented to the Eoglish, from the early Middle Ages to the present day. He quotes a series of colourful descriptions by English scholars and travellers, and devotes a long concluding serious to the presentation of section to the presentation of Arabs in popular Western films in successive decades of

Predictably enough, he assributes some of the modern distortions to the influence of Zionism, but this factor is not unduly emphasized. What has caught his attention more is

the rementicized image of the Beduin and the desert which prevails in so much of English writing about the Arabs, and the patronizing, imperialistic attitude which so often lies which so often lies thinly concealed beneath it. Very few English writers had time for Areb townspeople, except in so far as they conformed to the traditional image of the Thousand and One Nights. As the Beduin culture declined and townbased modernizing and nations listic movements thrust them-

selves forward, so a certain English disillusionment set in. Peter Mansfield reaches the terly survey of Arab history and a gazetteer of the modern Arab states. His book itself, if ridely read in the English speaking world, could do much to correct the distortions of which he complains. He too concedes a certain role to Zionism, but quickly adds that "it is not by any means the only cause of misunderstanding between the Arabs and the West". In his view, "the truth is that the struggle between Christendom and the World of Islam has never really ended, although it is being fought on different battlefields and with

new weapons ".

The anti-Islamic prejudice which, he says, has "gone deep into our subconscious" he attributes precisely to the fact that in the early Middle Ages Islam and Arab civiliza-Ages Islam and Arab civiliza-tion were so close to Christen-dom that they posed a very serious challenge to it. Medie-val Christians could have coped with straightforward barbarism or an outright denial of Christ. But a civilization in many ways superior to their own and a religion which claimed to have incorporated and surpassed Christ's reaching they found psychologically into-lerable.

In this country the economic power acquired by the Arab oil-producers at a moment when we ourselves are in economic decline has reawakened an old inferiority complex which sometimes shows irself in unpleasant assets. isself in unpleasant ways. A test of our own civilization's real strength will be our ability to overcome this complex, and to look the Arabs in the eye without fear or favour. Mr Mansfield's excellent book can show us the way

Edward Mortimer

# Lions and ostriches

#### The Great Boer War By Byron Farwell

(Allen Lane, £7.50) Leopold

"Nothing", said Leopold Amery in The Times History of the War in South Africa, "is more astonishing than the con-tampt the Boer generals tampt the Boer generals showed for their opponents, except the fact that the contempt was almost invariably justified." Since his classic seven-volume work appeared this acerbic view has become an orthodoxy. If the British soldiers in the First World War were lions led by don-keys, in the South African war they were lions led by ostriches. Accustomed to preening themselves after slaughtering hordes of fuzzy-wuzzies with Maxim guns, which we had got and they had not, these courageous but foolish creatures eschewed new

military knowledge and burled their heads firmly in the sand of Waterloo. The Times His-tory's account of the early part tory's account of the early part of the war is, indeed, almost enough to persuade one that the expression "military mind" is a contradiction in terms, though Amery, biased in favour of Roberts' War Office faction, took a more lenient view of later stages. But his exposure of Buller's and Warren's self-stuirifying manoeuvres on the Tugela is quite enough to explain why it was rumoured among the

was rumoured among the Boers that to fire at an enemy general was a capital offence.

Like every work on the subject since Amery's Colossus, The Great Boer War stands in its shadow. The blurb-writer's claim that Byron Farwell has produced "a definitive history" is not only self-contradictory, it is a piece of inepti-tude matched only by the edi-tor's inability to correct his author's spelling. Mr Farwell himself is more modest. He himself is more modest. He aspires not to write a conventional military or political history but to describe "a great human drama that encompassed, as Jan Smuts said, 'a vast tragedy in the life of a people'". In this he has succeeded admirably and, if he has increased our knowledge of the war little and our understanding of it less, he has understanding of it less, he has written a vivid, colourful and stylish book, marred only here and there by obtrusive Ameri-canisms. He has an eye for detail and an ear for anecdote, though he omits my favourite, surely a tale for the times— before the gold rush the Transvaal was so poor that its Post-master General was paid his salary in stamps.

Above all Mr Farwell takes

a delight in dancing on the graves of the reputations of British generals. They make a bizarre collection: the bloated Buller, with his baggage-train full of kitchen equipment; the monocled Warren, who was so concerned about the safety of his oxen; the insomniac Hart, who was roused to fury by the sight of a aleeping man; the dapper Roberts, with his aversion to cats; the ruthless Kitchener, described (in an unpublished letter written by Walter Guinness) as "the most talented murderer (of his own talented murderer (of his own

men) the war has produced". For their epigraph Mr Farwell quotes Schiller: "Against stupidity the very gods themselves struggle in vain". He turns to the Boers with They were narrow, CORTSO, the Bible-Kruger assured the circumnavizator American Joshua Slocum, that the world was flat. Yet these magnificent fighters made fools of the best British professional troops. Their rifles were superior, as was their marksmanship, and they were quicker to adopt new methods. They also starved better than their enemies. Mr Farwell aptly compares them to Mao Tse-tung's guarrillas—fish swimming in the sea of the population. Kitchener won by draining the

And yet, and yet...one does not wholly believe any of it. This is caricature history— entertaining and revealing but also one-dimensional and partisan. Amery's imposing portrait is infinitely more convincing, not merely because it is so detailed and sprang from such an immediate knowledge of its subject, bur because it was in-formed by an intellectual power which has never subsequently been brought to bear on the South African war, But on the South African war. But even Amery's interpretation was tendentious and his angle of vision was limited. Byron Farwell's book is The Times History seen through a glass lightly and as such it adds notably to the Goodbye Dolly Grap tradition. However, what the Boer War now needs is not more popular chroniclers repeating each other's glosses on The Times History but a serious reappraisal by a powerserious reappraisal by a powerful, independent mind. If Amory demonstrates one thing about the South African war it is that preternatural intelli-gence is required by the comexplain away, the preternatural stupidity of the participants.

Piers Brendon

#### **Fiction**

Beyond the Bedroom

pages.
He studies one family's adventures, diaries, pledges. They farm on wonderfully evoked grass plains, contending with their own early poverty more easily than with their transfor-mation into the county's wealthiest landowners; they succeed as school principals who then move to Minnesots to start again from scratch, begetting doctors and television announa foot deodorant called
"Ahhh I"—who understandably return to their families
searching for more than earthly
realities. The most brilliant
passages illuminate their crises:
thank havials winger illnesses cers-one marries a model for floods, burials, winter, illnesses that estrange and anger and make them relearn their limits while also enlarging their re-silience and faith in strengths outside themselves; a remarkable few pages describe a partly-blind priest who can hear

parity-biind priest who can hear other people's pain.

In a novel so attentive to detail, Mr Woiwode is unstinting with his energy, even quoting in the last section on Manhattan the entire unfinished verses of a longwinded poet. ("What can blow the wind away", is at this point the only line by the poet he says he admires. One sympathizes.) But his book is altogether a mature advance on his fine first novel, What I'm Going To Do, I Think, and the versatile writing enriches every page.

enriches every page.

Tim Heald

By Larry Woiwode (Faber, with Farrar, Straus & Giroux, £6.95)

#### Pictures in the Cave By George Mackay Brown

(Chatto & Windus, £3.25)
An Englishman with a love for Longfellow, Richard Hyatt, settled in North Dakota in 1892 where he created a lake called Hiawatha and a village, named after himself, which one can see through and beyond from see through and beyond from all sides. It became a trading centre for British, Scandinevian and German immigrants and a refuge for large, close, alert migrant families. Horseplaying and ransacking through their past, their modern descendants refer to Dakota as the artic of America, but Larry Woiwode in Beyond the Bed-room Wall revitalises a universal store of life, It's an im-mense book, in spirit, insight and the craftsmanship of its 600

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## Jnhappily ever after Spend, Spend, Spend

By Vivian Nicholson and Stephen Smith

(Cape, £3.95)
In 1961 Keith and Viv Nicholson won £152,319 on the pools.
Now the money's gone, Keith is dead and so are two of Viv's subsequent husbands. "If we hadn't won the Pools" she moans, at the end of this quite extraordinarily depressing and unedifying book, "we'd have been in there and we would have had the front-room fur-nished by now." "There" is 113 Kershaw Avenue, Castleford and maybe she would maybe

covering some love letters and beating her up. "Tha mucky whore" he shouted at her.

Still, if life was grim before the money came it can not honestly be said to have improved afterwards. The money was blued on drink, American cars, a luxury bungalow called the Ponderosa, an American tour and race horses. One night she consumed two whole bottles of Drambuie (of all things). A new life in Malta ended in disaster when the popular press (never far away) revealed that she was going to open a strip club and defy the Pope. Viv was sad about that. "I'm a Christian" she declares, "I

desperation". Earlier still she Her last husband died of an writes about her father dis overdose. He had been a mainline drug addict and the psychiatrist said he had a mental age of eight.
All this is told in words

based on fifty hours of tape recorded interviews with her co-author—an extension incidentally of a shorter interview which appeared in a more general book about pools winners. An attempt has been made to retain what is referred to as conversational immediacy Thus, "I used to run like bleeding hell down the street, whocomph!" and "he was mad with me, and pissed as well, which didn't make things bet-ter." Words like "blinding" and "bleeding" recur fre-

right arse on thee' my father said to me one day, 'that the has'". In other words it is a book which has leapt from tape to page, with little evidence of

intervening polish or reflec-

At the end it is very sad to see so much dissipated life and squandered money and in a sense you can argue that the sudden access of wealth was what made the difference be-tween all this and living hap-pily ever after in Castleford. I don't however think you can argue it very far. If you're drunk it doesn't make much odds whether you're drunk on Tetley's mild or champagne,

ter." Words like "blinding" and you can be as violently and "bleeding" recur frequently along with colloquialisms such as "me aunt" and have made Viv a very happy woman but she just wasn't that dered speech. "Tha's got a sort of person. she wouldn't because when she and her husband won their fortune she had already experwouldn't knock the Pope or anyone else's faith because I lenced one short-lived marriage anyone else's faith because I and earlier in the book she writes of that time "it was just it's morally wrong to knock it." Paperbacks of the Month in the Saturday Review; The Monday Book, Sheridan Morley on Ira Gershwin's Lyrics on Several Occasions; on Wednesday, children's books for the Spring.

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# Peter Bogdanovich comes of age

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At 38, in a sense, this is his coming of age. He has all the signs of success: a recondi-tioned Bel Air hacianda, "tonignt, as George Kaufmann said, we meet to remove the improvements", a Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost, a much-publicized relationship with his favourire leading lady Cybill Shepherd, an awkward divorce from screenwriter Polly Platt, and he knows everyone who, like him-self, ever dreamed of seeing their name up on the silver screen and made it. He wrote articles about Hollywood, wrote theses about its stars, made a documentary about John Ford, which the director said was "very good consider-ing the subject matter", and the first thing Bogdanovich directed himself was about Hollywood. He was 19. It was Clifford Odets's play The Big Knife. "I thought, aha this

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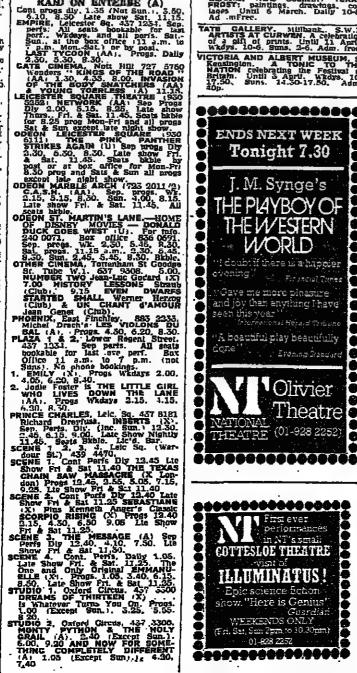
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director.' " Bogdanovich, intelligent, restless, volatile, talkative son of a Serbian painter, is always

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a short time ago", he says.
"The last three movies were
autobiographical, Daisy Miller
was the story of a guy trying
to decide if a girl was one
thing or another. Is she good
or is she bad? Is she to be trusted? Is she guilty or innocent? Which was, as I look back, precisely what I was going through with Cybill. I wasn't sure what she was like, particularly since she was so

pretty and nobody ever trusts a beautiful woman—not for

In Nickelodeon most of the

leading players wear the same sort of severe Bogdanovich spectacles, another proof of his fusion of the real and the screen world. It is this fusion and the spontaneity arising out of it which gets the blood run-ning high in picture-making.

Tatum O'Neal, he says, felt it for the first time on Nickelodeon. "On Paper Moon I some-times went to 55 takes with her. 'Look up, look down'. She learned it by rote. Ryan said 'Write something into the new movie for the kid.' The best scene in the film is when she becomes an actress. They're watching the rushes, and I wanted a whole long scene, maybe three minutes in one in the next one was At Long
Last Love. I don't know how I than she'd done the speech better than she'd ever done it before. It is a sad ending on a than she'd ever done it before. It is a sad ending on a then she forgot her lines. I saw it in her eyes for a split another picture".

Nobody got what they wanted. I made a joke at the time 'This is a fantasy version of my divorce'. Now I realize it was the best you'd ever do asks. "This is the scene that was the best you'd ever do asks. "This is the scene. There's this man. It's night

When he saw the roughout of brings me closer to it", he they're making a movie!' It's heard of do this", he says, Nickelodeon, which opens says, "I've always been interested in the town. Now I then they're making a movie!' It's heard of do this", he says, not a business, it's an obsestic terested in the town. Now I then they're making a movie!' It's heard of do this", he says, not a business, it's an obsestic terested in the town. Now I then they're making a movie!' It's heard of do this ", he says, not a business, it's an obsestic terested in the town. Now I then they're making a movie!' It's heard of do this ", he says, not a business, it's an obsestic terested in the town. Now I then they're making a movie!' It's heard of do this ", he says, not a business, it's an obsestic terested in the town. Now I then they're making a movie!' It's heard of do this ", he says, not a business, it's an obsestic terested in the town. Now I then the time. I would be the town the theory that the time. Bogdanovich maintains that, would just show you what he had he had his choice, he would just show you what he

"I've never repeated myself", he says, "I've done the Fifries, the Twenties, the Thirries. But I won't do my own picture again for a while". (He wrote Nickelodeon as well as directed). "I've burned myself out. I'll do something someone also wents me to do". else wants me to do ".

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But therein lies another difficulty. Because, driven and star-struck, egotistical of course, for all the charge he gets from Hollywood, his final objectivity makes him not of that town. "Do you know the most beautiful thing I ever heard?" he says suddenly. "In the Basque country—I think it was the Basque country—there's a literary award, and there are literary award, and there are three prizes. The third prize is a silver rose and the second prize is a gold rose and the first prize is a real rose. Now try to convince them of that ar

was true. The guy still doasn't so you couldn't let it go. Now know what to do.

"And Nickelodeon, of Bogdanovich is fond of quotionse, is the story of every director that ever lived, both John Ford and Orson because nobody knows anything about movies, even if you know everything about movies. It goes from innocence to awareness—from slapstick to awareness—from slapstick to infinally 'I hate this business!' funny and all the more so to 'What am I doing?', and finally 'I hate this business!' for his actors is an extension lot and say 'Oh, look at that, of this. "Several directors I've stores are collector's respectively."

So you couldn't let it go. Now you the store is fond of quoting a favourite maximum of and Orson bours. "What happens?" I was just making pictures." I would like to give critics of Bogdanovich's nostaligia one clue, however—it is about as futuristic an idea as you could have.

Glenys Roberts

# The Shaw play they love to hate

Caesar and Cleopatra Palace, New York

Clive Barnes

There is probably something for everyone to dislike in Shaw's Caesar and Cleopatra, an over-inflated play that floats over the theatre like a pompous dirigible in search of a mooring. However, that having been said, the production of the play by Ellis Rabb, at the Palace. Theatre is not at all Palace Theatre, is not at all bad, even if somewhat conven-tional in its concept of Egyp-tian grandeur and Shavian dislectic.

It is a strange play. Shaw was fundamentally an Ibsenite playwright, and he either fought shy of the bigger themes, or, on the other hand, cut those bigger themes down to size. Yet at the same time be liked to compare himself—to his own advantage, by the way—to Shakespeare, which is piriable enough and probably led to this present play. Shaw loved the idea of the

tero, not as a bero but as a fallible human. It is why most of his characters are both so lovable and so inhuman. Every statue is provided with inbuilt and cloying feet of clay. Take this Caesar—is this the man to conquer a world? Or take Cleopatra, as a minisex kitten tantalizing the appetites of a celibate rake? Hardly. This is far from Shaw's best

play, and indeed were it not by Shaw it seems safe to guess that it would remain on the shelf for eteruities. But it is by Shaw, it does have a few laughs, most of them cheap, and it provides an actor the chance to play Caesar and an actors the chance to play Cleopatra. As there has never been an actor in the world who did not fancy himself as Caesar, or an actress who did not feel she was secretly destined to be serpentine on the banks of the Nile, the proposition for actors is a formidable

Yet the play is recalcitrant whose time will never come. to staging. Rabb's approach is Cleopatra's first Roman, to stress the spectacle and the humour, and hope that people will not notice the yawning her second.—New York Times gap on stage where a play News Service.

should have been. This approach is totally commend-able and, indeed, perhaps inev-

Ming Cho Lee's settings. Jane Greenwood's costumes and Thomas Skelton's lighting suggest the heat and the savage grandeur of an Egypt just past its prime. The whole play looks very good, and not merely sumptuous but in the definess of its staging. The designers have chosen an interpretation of reality rather than any reality itself, and this works splendidly. Rabb has chosen

spotlight—figuratively speak-ing—his actors and to permit them to make debating points rather than build characters. The play really offers no alternative to such a course. It is not Saint Joan, or even Major Barbara. Rex Harrison is a formidable

star. The difficulty with his performance—and by chance I saw it twice—was that it had more irony than energy, more style than substance. Something of the same could be said of Elizabeth Ashley's Cleopatra. She looked like a dusky Helen bur pouted like a St Tropez starlet. Both of them had charm, but it was the kind of charm that bored rather than the charm that charmed. In some ways the minor

characters were also more impressive. Paul Hecht, bluff and gruff, made a marvellously grizzled Rufio, Caesar's lieu-tenant. Thom Christopher was perhaps two or three shades too ingratiating as Apollo-dorus, but James Valentine brought a sturdy stupidity to Shaw's comic Briton, Britannus. Yer what can be done with

the play? What could Rabb have done? Or Harrison? Or Miss Ashley? To paraphrase a little, it is the kind of play that sails down the Nile and not so much sinks, but eva-porates in the mists of verbosity and disappears in the clouds of phoney rhetoric. It is not so much a play as an idea whose time will never come. nothing like as interesting as

#### Dancers to gather in Vienna

Nine dance companies are to take part in the Vienna Ballet Festival which begins on May 27 for a month, under the auspices of Weiner Festwochen 77. Three more companies (the Scapino Ballet and the Scapino Group of Ten from Amsterdam, with the Ballett Theater an der Wien), will participate in a children's dance festival during the preceding formight.

The ballet festival begins

The ballet festival begins with the Hamburg Ballet in two performances of Mahler's Third Symphony, choreography by John Neumeier. The Ballet of the Vienna State Opera will of the Vienna Stare Opera will give a new production of Balanchine's Liebeslieder Walzer on May 28, in a double bill with Serenade. At some of the subsequent performances, spread through the month, Serenade will be replaced by Van Manen's Adagio Hammerklmier and Twilight. This company will also share with company will also share with the Volksoperaballett a triple bill of Etudes, The Still Point and Titus Feuerfuchs.

Merce Cumuingham and Dance Company will give four performances with two programmes, May 30 to June 2. At the Stadthalle, the Ballet du XXme Siècle will dance Beethoven's Ninth Symphony in Béjart's choreography, June 1 to 3. The Maly Ballet from Leningrad (June 7 to 11) will dance Giselle, Romeo and Juliet and Yaroslavna; the two last-named have choreography by Oleg Vinogradov. Wuppertal Dance Theatre.

gives two performances of Pina Bausch's Kurt Weill pro-gramme, June 12 and 13. Purcell's Pary Queen will be given by the Ballet of the Theatre am Gartnerplatz, Munich, in choreography by Ivan Sertic and Marian Jagust, June 15 and 16. The last of the visiting companies is American Ballet Theatre (June 20 to 25) which will give three programmes twice each. La Sylphide is on the first; then a triple bill of La Bayadère, Jardin aux Lias and The Rite. of Spring (Glen Tetley's version); finally The Leaves are Fading (Tudor), Voluntaries and Twyla Tharp's Push Comes

to Shove.

John Percival

# Quest for Mandans

Chronicle BBC 2

Alan Coren

In synopsis, the story is early Milligan: for what is this tale of a fair-haired, blue-eyed tribe of Welsh-speaking redskins, opening up the Missouri behind their legendary Welsh leader, but a fine gobbet of vintage Goon? In part the second, will not the great Chief Seagoon triumph over the Pawnee by three tries and a penalty, and lead a massed choir to the Little Bighorn to wipe out Custer by overwhelming tenor superiority?

That the ludicrous was quickly banished from Tuesthe ludicrous was day's splendid Chronicle investigation of the legend of Prince Madoc was due on tirely to the approach and per-sonality of Professor Gwyn Williams: for his own soft humour made an early pre-emptive strike against any daft-ness inherent in the myth, his captivating zest and warmth

medieval prince and towards the far more moving and, indeed, far more heroic true story of John Evans, the young Welsh minister who in 1796, driven by his own need to discover whether Madoc did indeed land in America in 1170 and found a tribe of Welsh Indians, went through incredible hardship to reach the Mandans, supposed descendants of Madoc.

Nor was the professor's purpose either simply narrative or simply anthropological: for there were parallels to be observed here, and even if scientific analysis of artefacts could be shown to there the

could be shown to threaten the legend, what is mere carbon-dating compared with poetry? For the Mandans have all but died out now, and it is less im-portant that they might once have had Welsh roots than that they have, today, strong Welsh echoes: theirs is a moribund culture, few speak their Janguage, inter-marriage erodes their bloodstock, progress rubs out their tracks. Documentary, ar this point, gave way to elegy, and even though it is hard to imagine the Weish reduced to one embittered alcoholic living in a broken down camper, as St David's Dav kindled in the viewer a like eagerness to peel back the mysteries, and, perhaps most important, his deft hand with a plot rapidly awing us away from the mythopaeia of the arcoss our Western border.

LPO/Solti Festival Hall

Paul Griffiths Sir William Walton, who cale-

brates his seventy-fifth birthday at the end of this month, received an early present on Tuesday when he was in the Festival Hall to hear Sir George Solti conduct a thrusting performance of his Belshazza's Feast. Benjamin Luxon added his special authority and the London Philharmonic forces played and sang with fervour. It is good to know that a recording is being know that a recording is being made for future commercial release. The first half of the pro-

gramme, however, was even more impressive, largely be-cause the works chosen were more challenging, to both per-formers and audience. Stravinsky's ballet score, Jeu de cartes, cah easily appear a hollow thing, composed at a time, in the late Thirdes, when his neoclassical jerkings had become routine. But Sir George brought the piece to like the care to the second state of the piece to like the piece the piece the piece the piece the piec the piece to life, sherpening his contours and giving full play to its contrasts of texture and instrumentation. He never allowed the rhythm to become metronomically mechanical in its sweep cannot be resisted as the makes so was a strongly projected as this, its sweep cannot be resisted the way that makes so many nor its beauties denied.

middle works sterile and wearisome. Instead, there was a physical presence to the move-ments of ideas, and one was again aware that no composer has ever equalled Stravinsky in writing music for dence,

So powerful was the feeling of spirited play left by this performance that it was not easy to adjust to the abstract thought of Elliott Carter's Variations for Orchestra which followed. But Sir George's com-mand of this marvellous flux very soon proved compelling. It was, indeed, remarkable how well the music suited so bold and resolute a conductor, one able to make clear its busy, multi-layered workings with almost complete fidelity to the markings of relative dominance in the score. Sir George was equally a help in bringing palp-able shape to the music's ripples of acceleration and Carter's piece depends very

much on such things being pro-minent because his variation technique concerns much more than sematic decoration and development; it involves development: it involves change, virtually continuous and exhilarating change, on

quickly. That does not, however, essen their expressive inten-

Mr Wearing's group, using

anything from one voice to eight, with an assortment of

viols, gecorders, sackbuts and

continuo instruments, varied

the vocal and instrumental

timbres resourcefully, and suc-

cessfully, except when an intrusive high recorder marred

the sombre textures for the Tiburdine Sibyl. The Phrygian, with soprano, viols and lute, sounded like an ayre; the European was aptly dark, with

low voices and organ; some, with the full ensemble, made

Lassus Ensemble/ Wearing " Queen Elizabeth Hall

Stanley Sadie

If Clive Wearing's ensemble are out to put Lassus in his rightful place in concertgoers' estima-tion, they are, without a doubt, on to a good thing. No composer of the high Renaissance ranged wider. On Tuesday we heard bawdy little moreschi and solemn, often startling motets; which leaves for another day his French; changons, his German Reder, his Italian madrigals and much more besides; for Lessus commore besides; for Lassus com-posed in and excelled in virtually every musical medium of his time.

of his time. The motets were the Prophetiae sibyllarum, written in his early Italian days (he was a Netherlander), before he was 20. Possibly they were suggested by the sibylline frescoes in Rome. The music with terms in Rome. The music, with its pungent chromaticisms, is an apt analogue to the texts. In the introductory "Carming chromatico" Lassus plunges from what we now call C major to F sharp minor, in five bars; and the 12 motets themselves, and the 12 morets themselves, if not often as extravagant as that, still veer alarmingly enough for the listener to become tonally shock-proof fairly

a sumptuous effect, enough to persuade one of the Binturic-chio frescoes' influence. The moreschi were done, with mixed ensembles, in lively teshion; two had six male voices with crumhorns, sack-buts and viols. Earlier on they gave similar pieces by the Gabrielis and ricercares by Andrea. Clearly they enjoy-playing this music; they play it with spirit, and they play it in tone. There is perhaps a certain lack of address: often

the result is a shade bland or under-characterized. Of the singers Nancy Long gave pleasure for her shapely, focused line. But the profoundest pleasure came from Christopher Wilson's lute solo, a piece by Lorenzini, done with affection, delicacy, an easy and natural style, and complete professionalism.

The Taming of the Shrew Covent Garden

John Percival

of Cranko's Shrew. Her debut have been the obvious choice for Petruchio, had the baller not been cast on the bizarre with some touches of her own, including a wild pounce at the string of sausages Petruchio is removing, which leaves her empty handed, flat on her belly.

(the high comedy of the Stutt-gart original has been lost in translation) and Marguerite Porter flutters a pretty eyelash to convey the simpering insipi-dity of Bianca. Also new were Wayne Rapling as a lugularious Wayne Eagling as a lugubrious, unswaggering Petruchio and Mark Silver as Lucentio. Both jumped high although erratic-However much Lyan Seymour screws up her face and her fists to look aggressive, her movements remain soft and gentle. That contradiction time, make the basis for a highly individual portrait of Cranko's Shrew. Her debut ou Tuesday was no more than

Wayne Sleep brings a broad the carnival scene, full of the humour to the sneezing, zest missing from some of the wheezing lechery of Gremio leading roles.

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#### Richard Harris on Tokyo's attitudes to the western world

# Trade: just one reason why Japan feels neglected

Studying Japanese feelings about their imbalance of trade with Europe is a reminder that international relations are often marred by the imbalance of feelings as between one country and another. The relations may be of more concern on one side than on the other. This, too, is an aspect of Japan's unresolved relations with the western world and following from that with the world at large. Resentment at being made the scapegoat of Europe's trading probms is emphasized by the feeling that Europe takes insufficient interest in Japan or, in extremis, looks upon the Japanese as offensive outsiders.

There is one extreme Japanese retort to this which one can sometimes hear. Who do these Europeans think they are? They are of no importance in a world dominated by the United States and ours is economy second to the

the United States and intend to remain so. Contempt as well as anger can thus enter into Japan's artitude to Europe.

This is a minority view, contradicted by-to take one example—the flood of Japanese university students who visit European countries in their vacations, some of them regarding tourism as fashionable and serving shallow purposes perhaps but many more genuinely wanting to come to gri; a with a culture with which they are becoming familiar in so many ways through Japan's own uninhibited cultural imports from the West-books, music, art, fashions, food. Tokyo is full of

Ask questions about the as wholesale importers of overseas culture and the reply will be that they have always been importers while remaining absolutely and con-sciously Japanese. Was their sciously Japanese. Was their first civilizing effort not the importation of the written word

importance. We are partners of and the rest that made Japan it is only an older genera-the United States and intend to a part of the civilization of East non that conserves the ancient Asia sharing with Korea and Vietnam in the Confucian society and political assump-tions that governed China? However much Japan's historical course has been her own, as much resistant to China as respectfully studying Chinese ways, the Japanese by their own behaviour towards them plainly look upon the Chinese and the Koreans as people akin

> East Asian civilization has thus been for centuries past a cultural 20ne of which Japan was a part. Moreover, in the past century the reaction of all East Asian countries to western incursion was similar: they were defending a civilization which they deemed to be superior to anything the West had to offer. Since that midnineteenth century "shock" Japan's course has been very different from China's how-" shock "

to them in ways that the Rus-

siaus or Thais or Malaysians

are not.

respect for China. To a younger generation - all the under-forties - China seems alien, boxed in its revolutionary jargon, incomprehensible in some of its international behaviour, far too backward in its economic development to be even comparable to Japan.

Admitting this, admitting too the postwar American occupation, the constitution drawn up by Americans, the security treaty serving Japan's protection and above all the economic growth of the past two decades that has fastened Japan irremovably into the western world's econonic sittem, it is startling to hear a Japanese official complain of his country's isolation, adding the observation: "We have up natural parmers in proximity to our shores.'

The impression thus given is of Japan as the uneasy immi-grant, in flight from the greater East Asian dream,

United States in its world from China—characters, ideas ever, and by now, in Japan, clutching at the West for sup-lation insupportable for a United States in its world from China—characters, ideas ever, and by now, in Japan, clutching at the West for sup-lation insupportable for a United States in its world from China—characters, ideas ever, and by now, in Japan, clutching at the West for sup-lation insupportable for a United States in its world from China—characters, ideas ever, and by now, in Japan, clutching at the West for sup-lation insupportable for a United States in its world from China—characters, ideas ever, and by now, in Japan, clutching at the West for sup-lation insupportable for a United States in its world from China—characters, ideas ever, and by now, in Japan, clutching at the West for sup-lation insupportable for a United States in its world from China—characters, ideas ever, and by now, in Japan, clutching at the West for sup-lation insupportable for a United States in its world from China—characters, ideas ever, and by now, in Japan, clutching at the West for sup-lation insupportable for a United States in its world from China—characters, ideas ever, and by now, in Japan, clutching at the West for sup-lation insupportable for a United States in its world from China—characters, ideas ever, and by now, in Japan, clutching at the West for sup-lation insupportable for a United States in the China—characters, ideas ever, and the china characters in the China—characters in the C port and understanding des-perately seeking unqualified in its continuity of undisturbed The isolation acceptance. comes partly from the island condition—something the British should understand, though the British have been much more involved with Europe than Japan has been with the Asian mainland throughout its

history. Even the possibility

of emigration towards an asso-

ciarion with the West by mov-ing out of their East Asian context would have been impossible had Japan been a part of the land-mars and not a group of offshore islands. So now Japan can 'n-! -: China and Russia as the two great land powers that face her and whose political cast of mind differs from Japan's. But the rejection is not enough. The seeking of full member-ship in the ranks of the West is not answer enough either. But

does Japan seek such iden-

ethnic, linguistic and cultural unity no country in the world can match Japan.

The unity of Japan, the national consensus, the common sense of Japaneseness, actively cultivated and consciously preserved, would seem to offer enough for Japan's independence to be sustained without the backing of nearby partners and without worrying too much over relations with the western economic block.

This would seem to be fortified by the sense of enclosure Japan still relishes. The Japanese want to be understood but they do not like intruders. The foreigner/outsider and Japanese/inside view of themselves and the world is scarcely less definite in their case than in China's. This is emphasized by the fact that in Japan as in pre-communist China those who tification? It might be thought that Japan's own identity is secure enough. Why is the isoassociate with foreigners (that is to say westerners) are re-garded as a distinct and

Even today most Japanese families of standing would look with unease if not disdain on one among their number who married a foreigner.

Yer this self-enclosed assurance is not enough. We need a mirror for our identity, one Japanese cripic has written, instancing France and Germany as two countries that have lived for centuries side by side, closely observing each other and thus historically accustomed to seeing their own images as reflected in the com-parative mirror of the other's eves Only thus can a sense of identity be established. Is Japan then trying to escape all the centuries of Chinese superiority? Does the matter and successful Japan want to and successful Japan want to

escape from the weight of China? And is the rejection easier because China can be classed as politically alien?
One carches the division the Japanese mind by the evidwish for closer relations with Australia and New Zealand. A treaty of friendship with Australia was signed last year. These are western countries far removed geographic ally from the main centres of western culture that may be re. garded in a regional sense as closer to Japan. But it will not be enough. Japan will still feel-isolated, will still want the assurance of closer relations with the western world while retaining to itself its own Japanese world.

Japan is fragile—an adjective often used. Jar., o has not yet adopted any clearly formulated view of the world—hence the shock of outside events. The Japanese economy has been the first concern for thirty years, getting on with the job and not throwing their weight about but now the trade difficulties raise questions that are not just economic. The mixture of anger at unjust treatment and unease at their own indecision adds up to a feeling of neglect. The emotions may not always be justified, but they need to

#### **Depression:** a question of taking the right kind of tablets

Although about 50,000 sulcide attempts are still made every year, last year's successful suicide rate was the lowest ever recorded, despite all our current financial worries and unemployment. But determined suicide

attempts are based not on outside environmental realities, but on a supposed reality in the patient's own mind. Severe depression, leading to suicide, more common in the northern than the southern European climates, and is at its worst in the spring. Modern drug research has also shown that anxiety states and depressions overlap, and that both may now respond to exactly the same treatments, which are very simple and physical.

patients attending patients attending general nospitals for physical tests of the chest, abdomen and nervous system turn out to have nothing more then anxiety or depressive states exhibiting themselves in bodily symptoms. Most are people who have coped with all life's unavoid-able problems, brought up families and shown normal amounts of courage and efficiency. Now everything is suddenly changed for them and they feel they cannot work any longer or can only do so with

One person in four probably gers such states of pathological anxiety or depression once of in his lifetime. Some people, however, seem able to the patient is waking early in go through life enduring anxiety and agitation, he must terrible emotional traumas and bardships and never ever set really nervously upset. They are the fortunate ones, while at the other end of the scale some collapse at the drop of an emotional hat. But every brain and nervous system has

are not "mad" as such. But if they are examined by an old-fashioned or ill-trained doctor and told that everything is normal physically, and it is a simple matter of willpower— which has so signally failed suicide can become a real risk. The patients' start to see no other solutions to their proh-

Compromise is too often reached between the critical doctor and the complaining patient by the mere giving of sedatives. Modera doctors are accused of dishing these out indiscriminately, but they have had to do so for generations

past.
But the wrong drugs are being given by too many doctors. Anxiety and phobic states previously adequate person-

so well with the new anti-

One person in four probably reaches a state of pathological anxiety once or more in his lifetime

depressant drugs. Sedatives need ever increasing doses and addiction soon develops. Antidepressant drugs rarely need to have the dose increased, how ever long they are used.

Treatments are becoming so simple that patients can even go and ask their doctor for the right sort of anti-depressant. If patients sleep deeply and well, despite their severe depression and anxiety, most will quickly respond to the group of anti-depressant drugs with which it is dangerous to eat cheese or other fermented foods. This is a small precautions to take. If anxiety and agitation, he must ask for a "tricyclic" antidepressant, or possibly the combination of both these groups of drugs. If the doctor, by chance or ignorance, gives the deep-sleeping depression only the tricyclic group, the patient can get much worse, and there brain and nervous systemits final breaking point.

Patients suffering prolonged patients are going to respond to either of these groups of increased surface. drugs, it is generally going to be in less than a month, but they must not be stopped too soon afterwards.

> Only the severest melancholics now need electric shock treatment, and once they are better future attacks of severe depression can be prevented by the simple giving of lithium carbonate. Only one or two in a thousand very severe cases may now need, eventually, one of the new and modified brain operations,

> There is, in fact, now no longer any need for a previously normal person to remain anxious or depressed for years on end-which still happens all roo often.

William Sargant alities are being drenched with

Redatives, even though they do ant Psychiatrist at St Thomas's ant Psychiatrist at St Thomas's

#### Ronald Butt

# Who changes things, the leaders or the led?

Mr Tony Benn has recently come back to that ancient and romantic theme which pro-claims the proper historic supremacy of the doings of the "people", the movement of the ordinary tollers in factories and on the land, over the tales of kings historic wife. tales of kings, bishops, prime ministers and (he says) big executives and even pop stars who are given too much glamour and attention.

In one way, of course, this is a statement of the obvious. Politics exist to enable life to be lived as best it can; life does not exist so that a few men and women can play the game of politics, much as one might think so from those politicians who talk nothing but politics But in the sense in which it is customarily used in political rhetoric. Mr Benn's is a false proposition which has been ex-

ploited throughout history by

many of the very leaders whom Mr Benn wishes to relegate. There is, to start with, the self-evident practical fact that. in a free society in which people's attention is attracted to what is naturally interesting. t is no more possible to fill the history books with accounts of the honest toil of the land or factory worker; to concentrate on how they lived or what they interesting too) than it is to fill the newspapers with "good

The truth is, of course, that humanity is naturally and properly interested in the excepbecause it is the exceptional which makes the buman condition change and developbesides which it is the exceptional which represents the human achievements to which the mass of ordinary people pay some respect because these achievements are a compliment to collective humanity. And such achievements are of course

It is, of course, the kings and the leaders, the inventors and the thinkers, who change things, whether by accident or on pur-pose—and the leaders include Mr Benn just as they included Gerrard, without whom the Diggers would have been nothing and John Lilburne who led the Levellers. Would these movements have existed without such leadership and the work of individuals who have inspired the philosophy of popularism from Watt Tyler to Tony Benn?

School history books, Mr. Benn thinks, concentrate too much on the traditions of conquerors, kings and feudal land-lords. But he is misled by the romantic overlay of what is usually thought of as feudalism vith its heraldry and its glamour—by which time the reality of the thing was dying. For what did ordinary men in the Dark Ages put themselves under feudal obedience for if



a strongly hierarchical unit, could supply?

They may have paid a high price in tyranny. They undoubt-edly often found that feudal protection should also be im-posed by conquest. But, allow-ing for differences of time and context, there is little essential difference between the protection of a feudal society, in which rights and demarcation distinctions were rigidly de-fined, and the protection of a modern trade union.

Is (and I mean no discourtesy by it; the role of the feudal lord or baron so utterly different from the role of the big trade union leader like Mr tion to the individual? Mr Benn has also recently talked about the need for " a new democratic reform movement" and he sees the debate on industrial rela-tions consequent upon the Bul-lock report as part of this

of power from the narrow Establishment in which it is trol." The first, and plainly the chief reform he advocates, is an industrial franchise. and bring in democratic con-What is happening British industry today". he asserted recently, "can best be understood as the beginnings of a struggle for the industrial

the protection which only a back will inevitably compare it strong man, and membership of to the century-long battle for the parliamentary franchise which ended in 1928 with the acceptance of "one man, one

"A long-term democratic perspective envisaging workers control of industry is no stranger, or more frightening, than the idea of 'voters control' of Parliament, of which we now boast." greatly doubt whether an

implementation of Bullock which led in this direction would find favour with Mr Callaghan and Mr Healey, but that is not the main point.
What is interesting about Mr Benn's noti**on** is that it misinterprets the nature of parliamentary control. For Parliament is not, of course, controlled in all its actions by the voters, whose business is simply to give it freedom to take responsibility and then themselves pronounce a verdict at the polls on how it has dis-

charged its job.
The question overbanging what is called industrial demo-cracy is whether anything that could be called by that name could function other than by an almost daily calling to account of the managerial decisions by the representatives of the "workers

in the matter of industrial democracy, as in his view of the bistorical distinction between leaders and led, Mr

Benn is making a false con-trast. What are the executives and the managers of an indusand the managers or an indus-trial concern except those who are, or ought to be, most com-petent to act in that capacity? Of course they will not be com-petent managers, nor decent human beings if they pay no regard to the conditions and opinions of their workforce which ought to have proper channels for making its opinions known. But in the end the managers are appointed for a skill at their job just as the man on the factory floor has his skill and if he wishes to manage then the appropriate way to do so is to climb the ladder to a mana-

.The same is roughly true in The same is roughly true in politics. Political leaders in every age, whether they led migrating Vikings, whether they were medieval barons or great Whig and Toty parliamentarians—right down to Mr Callaghan, Mrs Thatcher and Mr Benn—are interesting because they are a people with a capacity for leadership and to change things, which is especially what Mr Benn is trying to do.

In every age, talented men such as he, with a legitimate interest in obtaining power in order to move society in the way that they think it should go, has sought to harness the power of the people. The leaders of the English, French and Russian revolutions proclaim "people" versus the princes, kings and politicians. But what are the leaders of revolutions, what are Mr Benn or perhaps Mr Norman Atkinson, but the would be princes of a new order, a new establishment.

What are they if they are not the leaders whose deeds and misdeeds will be celebrated the history books of the No leader, of course, can b effective who has not latched on to a certain spirit of his time, to the kind of social or political movement that has

some momentum of its own, It is an unanswerable question how far the great turning points of history are determined by leaders and accidents, and how for by inexorable predeter-mined forces. There is much that would be

very interesting to know about the life of ordinary people in thirteenth century; yet it is Magna Carta, the work of a politically motivated and ambitious baronage, that the his-tory books rightly celebrate. Are we really to say that we take too much notice of them? Do I take too much notice of Mr Benn in writing about his political notions today? I think not.

In verse we may celebrate ordinary people "living partly living". In history bave to celebrate the extra ordinary, the men of ideas and the leaders of the led.

#### Pakistan's political prophets see the Punjab as the key to power

Political tension and acrimony bardships, excessive rise in has evidently reached a climax prices, heavy foreign debt in the run, or Pakistan's burden and the fall in indusin the run-up to Pakistan's parliamentary election March 7. The main contest is Minister Prime between Pakistan People's Bhutto's Party and the Pakistan

National Alliance, a combination of nine mainly rightist opposition parties born some weeks ago out of the parties' common hatred for Mr Bhutto and aversion to what they regard as his autocratic style of governing the country. Though the nominal head of

the alliance is Maulana Mufti Mehmud, a bearded religious Pathan from Dera Ismali Khan, who earned the distinction of ousring Mr Bhutto from his constituency in the 1970 election, it is actually the former Pakistan air force chief, Air Marshal Asghar Khan, a Kashmiri by birth, who leads the opposition. Some 30,000,000 voters are

involved in the election on the basis of adult franchise. They will elect from among 2,800 candidates the members for the 200-seat National Assembly and for the 460 seats in four provincial assemblies. Mr Bhutto himself and 80 other members of his party, including three chief ministers, have aiready peen regiected uno posed to their respective Houses weeks before the poll. In fact Mr Bhutto needs only 10 more seats for his party in Sind to be in a commanding majority in the assembly of his home province, and five more members to be in a position to form a government in Balu-chistan, where the People's Party did not win a single seat

in the last general election. One explanation of the large number of uncontested elec-tions in Baluchistan is that the opposition refused to participate in elections there while the large numbers of troops called out in Baluchistan to quell the 1973 revolt were not sent back to their barracks.

Partisan fights have claimed more than 20 lives and 200 people have been injured. Apart from the police, troops are reported to bave been alerted to meet any serious commonion, which both sides have accused each other of try-ing to create in order to hide their impending defeat.

The National Alliance has upset the calculations of many political prophets about the extent of the opposition to Mr Shutto. It has drawn unexpectedly large crowds to election meetings and processions, which perceptibly perturbed the ruling party.

-I remember when you could

have a night out, with

The opposition has sought to exploit the country's economic trial production, as the main-grounds for strack on the government. Prices have risen, by more than 90 per cent since 1973 and the foreign debt liability now amounts to 56 billion, Private investment in industry has stopped and the national-ized industries have made no appreciable improvement to

the economy. But the main attack has been on Mr Shutto's treatment of political opponents. Mr Abdul Waii Khan, leader of the opposition in the last National Assembly, and many members of the now banned National Awami Party, are fac-ing trial on charges of high treason. Many leaders of other treason. Many leaders of other opposition parties have been jailed for making "objectionable" speeches. Among the imprisoned are several of those who were once very close to Mr Bhutto and who helped him to found his party 10 years ago. The opposition alleges that Mr Bhutto used government machinery and special emergency powers to eliminate political and constitutional opposition and to muzzle the press. It is suggested that he even wants to change that he even wants to change the present form of govern-ment to give himself more

#### Emancipation religion and birth control

DOMEST ..

Although religion should not have been an issue in predominantly Muslim Pakistan, religious feelings are being whipped up by the opposition.

Air Marshal Asghar Khan has repeatedly told crowds that Mr Bhutto cannot even say the Muslim prayer correctly. Mr Bhutto's liberal attitude towards women's emancipation and his keepness to enforce birth control are other issues which have been attacked on religious grounds.

But unless there is a real upset, the Peoples Party should be back in power on March 8. It will be the vote in the Pun-jab which will indicate its true strength in the coming years. Punjab has 115 seats in the National Assembly, and Mr Bhutto a long time ago declared, "Punjab is the bastion of National" He has approached. power. He has apparently compromised with his erstwhile foes in the Punjab and several of his old political associates and socialist comrades have fallen by the way-side. There is now far less talk of socialism and that should placate the majority of voters.

Hasan Akhtar

#### Yesterday was a day for feting show business personalities over lunch. J. K. Galbraith, whose wit and wisdom is buried. in a weekly display of televisual pyrotechnics on BBC 2, was at Foyle's literary lunch at the Dorchester. The scarcely less lofty Tommy Cooper, who actually originated muddled magic as entertainment, was the Variety Club's guest at the

Savoy. Galbraith had Sir Michael Swann, chairman of the BBC, as follow the act, making jokes warm-up man. Swann said he would try to redress the balance less successfully, about rival after their previous appearance schools of economic thought together, which had been desand the name of Milton Keynes. cribed as a mutual admiration society if not unctuous, at least decidedly fulsome. He did it by describing Galbraith as an enjant terrible and a great institution, which enabled the professor to reply that he would from time to time." be glad to have Sir Michael redress his balances any time. In best show business tradition Galbraith then paid tribute to his associates, particularly his producer, Adrian Malone. "He is a genius", Galbraith said, calling on him to take a now, the tribute to Britain's bow, albeit a slightly mad genius. There should be credit for reckless pioneers. More Variety Club's tunch marked conservative men would have the 30th anniversary in show

He also called an old trouper to share the limelight, describ-ing Lord Butler who sat by his ide as "dear old Marter". He out-towers Galbraith by one inch, but only if he is side as "dear old Master", and wearing his fez and a thick pair recommending Denis Healey to of socks.

rake fiscal policy "forward to Everybody got his fez on?

# The Times Diary

#### And now for your entertainment

Butler". Butler looked very Right, here we go, and stop pleased. me if you've heard them. Max pleased. It was Healey who had to about Galbraith's stature and. When I talk about economics", he said, "I puls see people cry. - succeed in making people laugh, and while smile, you elicit a belly laugh

Galbraith, looking as modest as his cragginess permits, allowed himself a wry smile.

most impersonated old joke purveyor over 6 feet tall. The Variety Club's lunch marked stuck to Galsworthy and garden- business of a man who started life in the shipyards, which may explain why the Titanic went

Bygraves, the second most impersonated man in Britain and the 147th funniest, is the only man in the room wearing a set of antlers. " Hello deer, didn't you know it was a stag do?" Ernie Wise, who if hid end to braith's knees, says: "He looks like an Identikit picture on Police Five." If Ernie was

taller, he might be able to see

a decent script.

Ron Moody has honed his cracks to a finer edge. "His magic is his metier, his fez is his fortune, and his laugh his problem. He is, broadly speaking, mad." He peers at the 200 guests, all issued with regulation North African head-gear. "Tommy Coopers are taking over the world. Ha-ha, just like that, Moody turns to the guest of honour: "He has a profile like the coast of Scandinavia; his chin is like the north face of the Eiger;

Easter Island is like a Cooper family reunion." Somebody unleashes the greatest Tommy Cooper joke in "There has never been a better the world. "'Hello, is Charlie time to work for free".

in? 'Charlie died last night.' Pause. 'Did he say anything about a tin of paint?'" Do I hear silence? It must be the way he tells them. Let's have the man himself.
"We've all had our ups and

downs in show business, but my wife has always stood beside me. We only had one chair in the house." The nervous guffaw that is part of the act suddenly becomes real. "They told me to do a trick only if I was desperate. Can anyone lend me a handkerchief?" A guest offers his handkerchief, Cooper sets fire to it with a cigarette lighter, andpresto! The handkerchief has a

The Stockport Express, announcing their charming child contest, suggests: "Have your child shot for Mother's Day."

large burn in the middle. No,

not like that; like that.

#### For nothing

Mrs Sheila Moore, the American-born wife of the Conservative MP for Croydon Central, thinks the time is ripe for more people to take a serious interest in working for nothing. When all the talk is of differentials and the fall in real incomes, this seems a perversely optimistic attitude, but she is confident enough to have are, for instance, giving an written a book about ir. Unevening or more a week to the compromisingly it

"There is no doubt", she says, "that the coming prob-lem of western civilization is that we have too much time. More people are living to be healthy and active at 75 and beyond, the four-day week is you look at the General Household Survey to find how many people are actually doing anything in their spare time, you find it is a frighteningly minute proportion. "We all live in ruts. If you

want a completely easy life with no complications and no achievement, fine. But most people find it kind of hard to get jobs which offer the satis-faction, involvement or fulfilment that they want, I have always remembered a recruitposter for volunteers I saw in the States: Work for free—the pay is great

The idea that only middleaged housewives undertake voluntary work, she says, is completely out of date. "I have nothing against middle-aged housewives. I am one myself But there are an awful lot of students, young people, retired people, and some of the most vigorous volunteers are people who already have full-time jobs. Most people would be surprised how many secretaries, bank clerks and lorry drivers there

hospital service". Mrs Moore berself has been a volunteer in politics (" terrific

school management interesting"), play-("my favourite—the of what contemporary fua"), (" very groups volunteering should be like"), and befriending children in care. For her next self-appointed task though she is going to write another book about leisure. Everyone should

#### Murphy's law Either I am desperately un-

lucky or long-distance jets in-variably suffer bad delays—I suspect the latter. Certainly I cannot remember having made a long journey by air without being held up either getting there or coming back.

It has never, though, hap-pened for such a bizarre reason as on the flight back from Hongkong. The British Airways jumbo, already an hour late, took the wrong turning when landing at Delbi and found itself the victim of what the captain called "a set of circumstances better known Murphy's law".

Misunderstanding the instruction from the control tower, the pilot found himself on a run-way blocked by four planes, parked for the night. You are not, apparently, allowed to drive iumbos backwards and the airport tractor which could have towed us back was out of service. The four planes could not be moved for many hours. Someone had blundered, so



the noble 200 of us had to go not to the Valley of Death but to the transit lounge at Delhi, there to pick up what scraps of information the ground staff would reluctantly vouchsafe. After resisting blandishments to buy Indian jewelry and silk scarves, there was nothing to do but sit and wait for the property and silk scarves. but sit and wait for three hours.

No cigarettes on sale, and no breakfast.

Dawn broke, and the tedium was relieved only by what I took to be a spark of humour from the person running the information screen in the lounge. From time to time he would flash on to the screen revolutionary slogans in the Chinese fashion.

"Emergency ushers in an era of discipline", said one, though a few passengers were by now behaving in an impatient and undisciplined way. "Work more, talk less", read another—advice being adhered to by the ground staff, who were still telling us nothing.

Finally the captain received permission from the airport authorities—fearful for the safery of their runway and other planes to make the illegal manoeuvre of driving the jumbo backwards. After we were airborne, four hours late, he told us cheerfully that this could have resulted in the plane tipping up on its end. As it was, he believed it to be the farthest—150 yards—a jumbo had ever been drive hack-wards. Another first for Britain

According to The Scotsman world prices of butter "are currently more than 100 per cent lower than those in the

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Mr Ian Smith to the principle of non-discrimination between the races. When the Quenet report was published, recommending abolition of land apportionment and many other forms of discrimination, along with restoration of a common roll on a qualified franchise, Mr Smith rejected it even though he was committed to the Kissinger plan. Now-but particularly affice insists that whites particularly since his last trip to heave the in southern Africa must be preduction.

The pared for the great changes in their way of life that this legisfor accept their way or the true way even seem mt. Price. Late ne than we see that the nine who have departed amount in Sidile chairman Mr Frost, were Mr nvestment of the past—men ped con series of the group which would not let le management him accept the Tiger terms, or

the Fearless terms, or settle with Mr Nkomo last year. Is he now then a free man?

Mr Smith's past dogs him, and the Africans will look at the Smith new deal in the political context. If they accepted it, Mr Smith could argue that it fully meets African claims, and then urge that the "moderate" local black leaders—among whom Bishop Abel Muzorewa is by far the most important-have no reason not to cooperate in the implementation of his version of the Kissinger plan for a transfer of power to a majority government in two years. Having got that agreement, he would hope to exclude the Marxist Patriotic Front of Mr Mugabe and Mr Nkomo from further discussions. and bring in the Americans and

arrangements. The weakness of any such set of measures is that it would improve the situation between white and black only slowly: but if the blacks attained unfettered power in two years their government would at once drastically dismantle the structure of white

British to endorse the new

privilege. Under Mr Smith's plans, land hitherto reserved to white occupancy will be open to black purchase. But the blacks lack the capital to buy large amounts of it. Squatting is barred, and purchases of small plots cannot quickly assuage the discontent arising from land hunger (and land envy). The average African thinks all the land was African from the beginning and he expects arrangements to buy out or expropriate the white farmer -irrespective of the effect on

cash cropping or productivity. To finance the Kikuyu to take over the white highlands of Kenya, British taxpayers contributed grants of about £18m. This is Mr Smith's difficulty, one that would have been solved under the Kissinger plan's provisions for a large international loan to back the settlement.

The opening of commercial areas to non-white businesses will initially mainly benefit the Asian traders, who have capital. The rest of the plan indicates that social segregation would be preserved for as long as possible. For example, the whites would still have their own schools, and the injustice under which the blacks pay for education but the whites do not (beyond taxation) would persist.

Five years ago, such partial measures would have changed the climate of Rhodesian negotiations. But five years ago, the party split would have been a full scale rebellion. Mr Smith is only able to go as far as he has. because the majority of his party can see that the situation is becoming desperate. The diehards, relying on other people's young to continue the shooting, refuse to admit this, and want a pseudoapartheid system which (they fondly hope) would bring them under the South African iron umbrella. It is probable that Mr Vorster told Mr Smith that repeal of the Land Tenure Actthe dismantling of Cecil Rhodes's Rhodesia-was now his last hope in a bid for western as well as South African support. It may well be too little and too late.

#### Mr. Bright Bright THE RAPE OF THE GLOBTIK VENUS

Take an oil tanker, owned by a istua i mig. British company, flying the flag of the Bahamas, berthed in France, and taken over by a Asserted the second Awar P. Land Filipino crew. Add a flamboyant millionaire racehorse and shipowner, a group of strong-arm toughies recruited in the less fashionable bars of Humberside, several trade unions, and an alleged communist plot. Mix the ingredients, organiza an early morning raid, and the result is a mess. The issues involved in the Globtik Venus saga are confused. and mutual recrimination, accusation and criticism is bound to continue for some time. The tanker s future movements are equally unclear.

It is nevertheless, possible to isolate at least some of the basic components of the intricate mass of disputes. The Filipinos' case straightforwari. They claimed, simply, that they had been underpaid, pointing out that they had received a monthly salary amounting to only half of the minimum recommended by the International Transport Workers Federation. That is a respectable and influential organization which is its name suggests, acts as a worldwide coordinating body for those employed in the transport field, including transport by sea, and unions throughout the world are

affiliated to it, including the British National Union of Seamen. The fact that the Filipinos had been paid a sum less than that recommended was not in issue.

Mr Ravi Tikkoo, in effect the owner of the Globtik fleet, does not accept the jurisdiction of the ITF, and claims that the agreement reached with the Filipinos included many fringe benefits, such as free transport to and from Manile, and that, because the crew did not have to pay tax on their earnings, which were Bahamian based, they were as well off as if they had been paid the recommended minimum subject to tax and without the peripheral advantages. He has also alleged communist influence in the recent events, based partly on the support given by the CGT, to the Filipinos, and partly on his view of the politics of one of the ITF's representatives for Teesside. Ironically, the CGT is not affiliated to the ITF.

The National Union of Seamen has been concerned about the treatment of the Filipinos on board the Globtik Venus for some time, but their anger only reached boiling point after the cheap novelette drama involving the boarding party launched by the Grimsby pub-recruited the

"security force" to recover the ship from the Filipinos. Under law, Mr Tikkoo was probably entitled to take back possession of the ship, illegally held, by the means he did, but that has not dimmed the anger of the unions, both British and French, who consider that the Filipinos were taking justifiable action for a just cause.

It is difficult to see how the tangle can be unravelled. The NUS has announced its intention getting all Globtik vessels blacked both at sea and by dockworkers. There are only four of them; and the two biggest ply their trade mainly between countries whose workers may not be susceptible to union pressure. The threat is therefore perhaps not as serious as it may seem, although the possibility of some form of international solidarity should not be discounted, especially if the LTF uses its undoubted influence to that end. It is not easy to determine the rights and wrongs of the dispute, and all parties to it, except possibly the poor Filipinos, are likely to continue to show an extreme degree of stubbornness. The Gilbert-and-Sullivanesque antics of the past few days hides an element of danger which may yet have serious repercussions.

# AN ATTEMPT ON BREACH OF CONTRACT

The Government, I was said yesterday, still have inder review the reported decisior to commute into a pension payalle from the the age of sixty thetax-free gratuity which some Roal Navy and RAF aircrew have been promised at the end o their shortservice engagement. There is only one acceptable outcome of that review, and thit is to scrap the proposal. For f it were put into effect the Ministry Defence would arguably be in breach of contract and certainly be in default of a plain and

widely advertised indertaking. The lump sum (£2,750 after eight years or £5,000 after twelve) is one of the attractions of that form of service in the armed forces, and it is one of the attractions of which the ministry has male much in its publicity. A ma enters civilian life at the age o thirty or thereabouts with a kill, a technical raining and capital sum to help him get joing. However actuarially favorable the alternative of inflation modes. native of an inflation-proofed pension from ixty may be, it does not serve le same purpose for someone wh has been bank-

Freedom in cience

From Mr M. GP. Stoker

ing on a capital sum in the hand. It is open to the Ministry of Defence to promise a pension and not a gratuity to anyone entering on a short-service engagement in the future. It is open to it to give those who have already entered a choice between the gratuity they were promised and the proposed pension. It is not open to it retrospectively to alter the terms of their engage-ment for those now serving, in a way that is clearly regarded by the men themselves as being to

their disadvantage: The pressure to do so comes from the Department of Health and Social Security which appears to argue that the Social Security Acts embody the principle of an entitlement to a preserved retirement pension for anyone who has been in continuous employment for more than five years beyond the age of twenty-one, and that the armed forces are no exception. To that department the payment of gratuities in lieu of pensions in these cases is an anomaly which ought to be ironed out. To

the Ministry of Defence the arrangement is an obligation in munity. A scientist should, therefore, protest, not qua scientist, put

Lord Todd stressed, however, that the Royal Society, throughout its long history, had been directly and deeply concerned with freedom of scientific inquiry and exchange of views between scientists, irrespective of race, creed, or national boundary. In particular, he deplored the decision of Unesco to withdraw financial support from any scientific meeting which allows participation by scientists whose governments are un-popular with the majority of mem-

The Royal Society has used, and on governments, including our own, to remove obstructions where these

cuted through the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU), tific organization, whose declaration on the subject is adhered to not only by the Royal Society but by lation of Scientists, regularly considers alleged violations of the principles of free scientific interin Stockholm a register of cases which, incidentally, may meet some of the requirements for an international clearing house as proposed in Scholarly Freedom and Human

Yours faithfully, M. G. P. STOKER, Foreign Secretary, The Royal Society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, SW1,

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Splitting the Treasury

From Sir Samuel Goldman Sir, As you were good enough to refer to me in your interesting leading article today (March 2) perhaps I may be allowed to make one or two comments on it.

First, on a point of fact, my own 1973 study was not a supplement to Sir Richard Clarke's New Trends in Government. It was number two in the Civil Service College Studies (of which Sir Richard's was the first) and was concerned with the more limited, though still vital, area of govern-ment, namely the evolution and operation of the system of public expenditure management and control in this country. It was written in the light of experience of the six years after Sir Richard left the Treasury, an eventful period which included such developments as the loss of control over public spending 1966-68; its re-establishment under the Jenkins Chancellorship 1968-70; the drive to cut expenditure in the interests of lower taxation 1970-71: and the subsequent reversal of that policy after 1971. It also included such major events on the institutional side as publication of the annual White Paper on public expenditure and appointment of the Commons Select Committee on Expenditure and its various sub-

committees.

My principal object then was to describe the Treasury's role in developing and operating the Public Expenditure Survey Committee system (PESC) which Sir Richard largely originated, and to emphasize the essential unity of economic management in which public expenditure was a principal instru-ment of policy inextricably meshed in with all the others, that is, taxation, monetary, credit, industrial and incomes policies. Your defence of this basic unity in your leader could hardly be bettered and should carry conviction with all but the most prejudiced. The central mistake of those who

seek to dismember the Treasury is their belief that the size of public spending can be settled by itself as a once-for-all act, after which the only job is to stick to a predetermined total and to a number of pre-determined figures for the programmes of individual departments. This is not send cannot be ments. This is not and cannot be how things happen in real life, either as to the way the size of the public sector as a whole is arrived at or as to the systems and tech-niques of determining and controlling the various departmental pro-grammes which comprise it.

These techniques include a con-These techniques include a continuous dialogue between Treasury expenditure divisions and the spending departments, a dialogue conducted against the background and in the knowledge of the Government's total economic strategy. What advantage would there be in turning this dialogue into a trialogue? Would this not comulicate matters and make for complicate matters and make for inflexibility and dissention? In this field as in more glamorous aspects of life "two's company, three's a crowd". If it is felt that the original Fulton solit of the Treasury and creation of the Civil Service Department was a mistake the remedy lies in reunification with the Treasury of a number (not all) of the functions of the CSD, such as pay and management, rather than dismemberment of the central department, which should as you have demonstrated continue to responsible for the Government's general economic strategy. Yours faithfully,

S. GOLDMAN, 1 Noble Street, EC2. March 2.

#### Future of Mentmore

From the Editor of The Connoisseur Sir, Mr Samption's assumptions (March 1) are certainly novel in the present age. He seems to advocate the cause of the private collector who can enjoy the use of great works of art well away from the prying eyes and enquiring minds of the tumultuous public. Contrary to the evidence, he seems to believe that museums are lifeless, valueless and repelling. What a sad lonely view.

Surely one of the principal attractions of Mentmore as a collection is that it would fulfil a dual function for visitors. They can enjoy the objects for their intrinsic interest and also understand more about the attitudes and opportuni-ties of a great nineteenth century collector—art and history most happily combined. Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM ALLAN, Editor, The Connoisseur, Chestergate House, Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1. March 1.

#### Ice-skating rink plan From Mrs P. A. Bradbury

Sir, Michael Coleman in Sportsview (February 26) drew attention to the plight of ice-hockey teams in London and the general acute shortage of skating rinks.

Some months ago The Times reported on the acquisition by this council of the Royal Agricultural Hall, a Victorian complex of historical and architectural significance. An advertisement was placed in your columns in June 1976 asking for ideas on its use for recreational purposes. My committee will shortly be considering a plan to convert the buildings into a major ice-skating centre which would provide much needed training and public skating facilities on two rinks, and preserve the best elements of an historic building as well.

The cost, however, could by no stretch of the imagination be borne by the rates of one London borough alone. If our recommendations are accepted we will in the next few weeks be launching a national appeal for funds and would hope to attract a response both from those who have the interests of skating and the young people at heart and those who are concerned with preserving a part of London's heritage. Yours faithfully,

PATSY BRADBURY, Chairman. Recreation Committee, London Borough of Islington, Town Hall. Upper Street, NL

#### Proposed cuts in defence spending

Sir, The Statement on the Defence Estimates just received is an even greater fraud than usual. It is true that the Secretary of State for Defence has to fight on two fronts -against the Tribune Group, who

want drastic further cuts, and with the more responsible members of the Parliamentary Labour Party who are growing increasingly worried at the emasculation of our defence forces. Even so, to take four pages to describe the increased Soviet threat and the rest of the White Paper to justify further de-feace cuts can only be described as

fraudulent. One of the techniques is to carry over warship building programmes from one year to the next in order to imply that a new ship is to be ordered. In fact the reduced building rate of anti-submarine warships and aircraft, in face of the ever increasing Soviet nuclear sub-marine fleet, is causing our allies acute distress. Not only has the active fleet been reduced by four frigates but eight projected des-troyers or frigates will not now

Our capability to carry out one of our major Nato commitments, to reinforce the Northern Flank, is now in question, the Royal Marine Commandos having lost their Com-mando carriers and assault ships

From Mr Patrick Wall, MP for and had their helicopter lift cut by Haltemprice (Conservative) 50 per cent—hence the chartering 50 per cent—hence the chartering of train ferries for last year's reinforcement exercises!

Today the Soviet Army in Central Europe could attack with only a few hours' warning yet with a large part of BAOR in Ulster, little thought seems to have been given to immediate reinforcement.

BAOR was, as the Statement says "highly trained volunteer professionals", but this will no longer be the case when they are starved of training facilities because of cuts in fuel, ammunition and tank track

Of all services the Royal Alr Force is perhaps the most over-stretched. With under 200 front line aircraft it is expected to sup-port BAOR against a massive Soviet land-air onslaught, to protect Britain with 100 aircraft, to patrol the North Sea oil rigs and to provide maritime reconnaissance and the air defences of the Royal Navy —all with a total of under 800 aircraft!

Perhaps the most serious and con-tinuous Socialist cut of all is to Research and Development which endangers the one field of advanced technology in which the allies are ahead of the USSR. Yours sincerely, PATRICK WALL.

House of Commons. March 1.

#### Release of Rudolf Hess

From the Bishop of Bath and Wells Sir, "I shall get no answer this time either, of course" (Bernard Levin on Rudolf Hess (your issue of March 1). Why not? I believe he might and should. Among many scandals Mr Levin so fearlessly denounces. denounces, this Spandau nonsense surely strikes the vast majority of Englishmen as particularly obscene.

As well as enlisting the help of the United Nations, as mentioned by Mr Levin, there is Amnesty International, of which the Archbishop of Canterbury is a very active British patron. This organization, which exists primarily to work for the release of arients. for the release of prisoners of conscience—s category of course totally inapplicable to Hitler's right hand man—also copposes cruel, inhumane or degrading punishment for all prisoners"; and such is precisely what the four powers, unwillingly after all these years in the case of the three Western ones, are now meting out to this old man. Let Amnesty International there-fore adopt Rudolf Hess, and it could well be as successful as it

has been in many other cases, for example that of Tobias Manyonga of Rhodesia. Furthermore the World Council of Churches, which has strong support in Western Germany and has for long been bravely outspoken and practical in its concern for the underdog, would I am sure share now in an ecumenical campaign for compassion.

Yours faithfully, TJOHN BATH & WELLS, The Palace, Wells. Somerset.

From Mr Schaun V. Tozer Sir, Mr Levin, always a marvellous exponent of luxuriously inflated hetoric, pleads for the release of Rudolf Hess. Mr Levin, what will be the plight of Rudolf Hess once he is released? Mr Levin, I sug-gest that his life would be in greater danger than it is at present. Mr Levin, try again. . . . Yours rhetorically, SCHAUN V. TOZER, 47 Rugby Place,

#### Doctors' earnings

From the Secretary of the British Medical Association Sir, I have read with interest the

conclusions drawn from the result of the New Earnings Survey 1976 by Mr Layard and Professor Ashenfelter (letter, March 1). They quite rightly point out that the period covered by the survey does not correspond exactly with that of the £6 a week pay policy (August 1975-August 1976). There were several large pay settlements between April 1975 and the end of July 1975 which may well have contributed to the increases in earnings discovered by the survey. It is also possible, of course, that all employers did not apply the pay policy with equal vigour.

As far as the medical profession is concerned—with the government as virtually its sole employer-the award of the Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' remuneration in April 1976 applied the "volun-tary" pay policy rigidly to doctors. There is no way in which doctors in the top 10 per cent of the NES (above the third point on the senior registrar scale) can have maintained their relationship to average earnings over this period. Indreases for this group of doctors under the £6 pay policy ranged from 5.5 per cent for the senior registrar to

nothing at all for the consultant above the minimum on his scale. Any doctor can tell you that so far as his profession is concerned substantial reductions in differentials have taken place.

Moreover, in view of the timing

of the Review Body's annual review of doctors' pay (April to April) in relation to the August to August pay code, the outcome of the current negotiations on a new pay cods will affect doctors until April

Similar considerations apply to lower grades of hospital doctors in relation to other percentiles in the NES. General practitioners are, of course, self-amployed and therefore excluded from the NES, but are excluded from the NES, but are notionally compared with the second percentile of the survey, in relation to which they also fared badly. In connexion with this last point, I should mention that a substantial number of professional people are self-employed and hence not included in the NES and therefore the extraorate that the contract the contract the contract the second contract the contract fore the statement that the earnings of professional and managerial workers increased by over 19 per cent between April 1975 and April 1976 could be misleading. Yours faithfully,

E. GREY-TURNER, Secretary, British Medical Association, Tavistock Square, WCL March 2.

#### Change at the NUJ

From Mr Denis MacShane Sir, The news of Ken Morgan's resignation as General Secretary of the National Union of Journalists will be received with universal

regret within the union,
May I, who has often disagreed
with him publicly and within the
National Executive Council of the NUJ, explain why that regret will be so widespread.

For the last eight years he has steered the NUJ through the most turbulent chapter in its history while he has been under enormous pressure from all sides; from the older authoritarian NUJ leadership brought up in staider times who felt he could have been more dismissive of the other developing trend, the younger more radical activists who wanted to see the NUJ become harder (and perhaps cruder) in pursuit of its interests at the expense of internal peace and quiet, and who have attacked Morgan because he is not as close to Arthur Scargill as some of them might wish. There is a dichotomy within the

NUJ between on one hand its role as a trade union, part of the TUC and the Labour movement with all that means and, on the other hand, the broad mass of its membership, middle-class, professional, individualistic, the very opposite of collectivist trade unionism. As an NEC member who on nearly all issues has urged the hard trade union course while others have argued for a more cautious marking time approach I must salute the extra-ordinarily deft way Morgan has reconciled the inner tension and ensured that the ever present

dichotomy has not become an open

split.
All trade union general secretaries are under pressure but few come under the kind of unrelenting year-long pressure over the Trade Union Labour Relations (Amendment) Act—the closed shop con-troversy—that Morgan faced. He had to deal with the combined on-

had to deal with the combined onslaught of every Fleet Street newspaper, the Conservatives, the House
of Lords (with a special mention
for Lord Goodman), some Labour
MPs and regrettably some of his
own members. The NUJ survived
with its essential trade union
rights unimpaired and if for nothing else the union owes Ken
Morgan a big debt of gratitude for
his defence of the NUJ during that
troubled year. troubled year.
On many issues I have disagreed

with Ken Morgan, it would be an odd trade union that wasn't con-tinually wracked by fierce debate, but even his most bitter critic will acknowledge the dedication he has brought to his union service. He will be vary hard to replace.

We shall all miss a very wirty man, a side to his character perhaps not known to those who only see his more serious public face. He is going to the Press Council where his subtle and deep grasp of journalistic ethics can be given fuller play. One can only hope that his arrival there will mean a more positive role for that hitherto largely ineffective and complacent body. Trade unionism has lost a fine servant but press freedom has kept a tireless defender. Yours faithfully,

DENIS MacSHAME, National Executive Council, NUJ, 6/36 Lady Margaret Road, NW5.

#### Jubilee trees

From Mr C. E. Bruce-Gardyne Sir, Mr W. Wright, in his letter which you publish today (February 23) asks how to combat the ravages of vandals against the trees which his Jubilee Committee are thinking of planting in the village of Meppershall to commemorate the Queen's Silver Jubilee. May I quote to him our experience in the village of Friockheim, Angus, where we

current curse of vandalism? About two years ago it was determined to plant a row of about 100 trees along the front of the village, the main street being open to the

have not escaped our share of the

fields on one side. The local youth club were invited, and agreed enthusiastically, to undertake the planting. They were paid for their work at normal forestry rates but elected to give their whole earnings

to charity. That was over two years ago now. There have been one or two losses among the trees from natural causes, but is it tempting providence to report that all the rest are flourishing? There has been no vandalism.

Yours faithfully, C. E. BRUCE-GARDYNE, Middleton, By Arbroath, Angus. February 22.

#### Censorship of

#### From Mr David Holbrook

Sir, The letter from Mr Richard Hamilton and others (February 26) seems to suggest that no lines ... should be drawn over the toleration of what they call "erotic art". In the name of freedom we must apparently "stand up for bastards"—for the Edmunds of this world. Yet the Edmunds who base their dealings with the world on fanatical immoralism and hate have generated some terrible problems in our time. now seems that the arts are willing to pervert any truth, and debase any value—and can we really allow this to happen? Bruno Bettelheim recently protested in The New Yorker against a film (Seven Beauties) which makes such a joke of the concentration camp that it seems to imply that life outside the camps and inside the camps is equally mad—so that no discrimi-

a joke out of being drowned in To some of us the destruction of symbolism and the undermining of values in the modern arts is promoting a dangerous nihilism. Yet in the field of public discrimination there has been a total collapse. Parliament did not intend that our theatre should be so taken up with pornography, and it did not intend perversion to be so freely available on our bookstalls. The present situation has been brought about by the circumvention of democracy: and there can be no doubt, as Professor Walter Berns has argued, that pornographic debasement is a threat to those values upon which democracy depends.

nations may be made. It even makes .

In this situation what is needed is continual testing of pornographic works under the law, in an atmosphere of continuing critical debate. This we do not have. Obscenity on the stage, for example, has never been put to the test of legal trial, because the authorities have refused to allow prosecutions. And as for debate, our intellertuals have substituted campaigns for discourse. Books like Viktor B. Cline's Where Shall We Draw the Line? (Brigham Young University Press) cannot find a publisher over here. Professor Robert Stoller's Perversion: the Erotic Form of Hatred (Harvester Press) has been reviewed almost nowhere except in the Times Literary Supplement: some magazines will publish nothing that does not argue in favour of total abolition of censorship (eg The New Humanist). Yet there are obvious problems: a recent report from America suggested that Americans are spending over £500m a year on pornography involving children, while some children are actually being sold into pornography by their parents. And in a future issue of the Journal of the Institute of Criminology Dr John Court is publishing evidence of an effect on serious crimes where pornography has been tolerated in various countries.

Obscenity may be acceptable where there is a serious overall artistic or scientific purpose. This can only be established where there is an informed debate. But it is a Principle which has been lost sigh; of in our society, and in my experi-ence there is a heavy indirect ceusorship of the proper examin-ation of this problem, far more serious than the banning of a of the more outrageous manifestations of so-called eroticism. Yours etc.

DAVID HOLEROOK, Longacre, Haverhill Road, Stapleford, Cambridge. February 26.

#### John Evelyn's library From Lord Kenyon and Mr Edward

Warner Sir, In view of the widespread conexpressed with regard to the future ... of the Library of John Evelyn the Diarist, we write in order to make . of the Executive Committee and of ... the General Council of the Friends of the National Libraries was last week addressed to the Chancellor of the Exchequer with a view to exploring the possibility of safe-

guarding the future of the library as an entity.

Indication of support for such a course, on the part of individuals and institutions, will be of value and encouragement to the Friends: an appeal to the public will follow in due course if appropriate. Yours faithfully,

KENYON, Chairman, EDWARD WARNER, Secretary. Friends of the National Libraries, c/o The British Library, Great Russell Street, WC1.

#### What Keats drank

From Mr A. D. Fitton Brown Sir, About "the true, the blushful Hippocrene". Hippocrene of course flowed with water, but Keats regarded wine as the true liquor of poetic inspiration, and water becomes wine when it blushes. This point was recognized by the young Crashaw in his memorable verse on the miracle at Cana: "Nympha pudica Deum vidit et erubuit ". Yours faithfully, A. D. FITTON BROWN, Department of Classics,

#### A Queen's Hall relic

University of Leicester.

February 28.

From Mr Felix Aprahamian Sir, Mr Gavin Henderson's idea . (letters, March 1) is charming, but he has mis-sited the Artists' Entrance of the Queen's Hall. It was in Riding, House Street, and not a trace of it remains. His proposal would, of course, commemorate the quick exit . route of the orchestral brass to the -Glue Pot, or the spot where the legendary Bobbie prevented the blowing of the Leonora III trumpet calls with: "You can't do that there 'ere. There's a concert a-going on in there."

Yours faithfully. FELIX APRAHAMIAN, The Athenaeum, SW1, March 2

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Sir, In your leaer "Scientists must defend their on rights" (February 18), you discis the new report Scholarly Fredom and Human Rights, publised by the Council for Science and Society in collaboration with the British Institute of Human Right and you mention possible actiony bodies such as the Royal Society I, therefore, draw the attention your readers to the ----- 31-hanniversary alress of November 30 last by the Preident, Lord Todd, in A: .. which he det at length with the gerful y tak problem of fiedom in science, and the role of a Royal Society. The up on its address, whit is published in the Proceedings of the Royal Society, should be rel in full and I will not

varidand spanish draw attenta to the following. The Present pointed out that the The Start persecution and sometimes incarceration of dividual colleagues for Of States political virs, or simply desire to emigrate, is matter for severest public communation, but is made neither beer nor worse by the fact that the vim is a scientist, rather than any ner member of the com-

attempt to neat it here except to

rather as a citizen, especially one of a country which subscribes to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights laws. The Royal Society, as such, has no special posi-tion or qualification in the human rights issue, but this will not pre-vent fellows, including officers, from taking action as individuals.

ber states, as a threat to the free-

will continue to use, its influence can be identified. Sometimes this influence is most effectively exerespect of those already serving and a useful recruiting point. And theirs is decisively the better view. If the DHSS is claiming (and if the claim is correct) that the

armed forces have a statutory duty to pay pensions in these cases, that duty cannot be held to override an undertaking given to serving officers at the time of their engagement. Either the law should be amended to admit of this exception, or Parliament should accept the financial consequences of its legislative incompetence and pay these men both the gratuities they were promised and the pensions the statute awards them. If the DHSS is claiming not that the Act imposes a duty on the armed forces but that they ought to conform to some general principle of pensions policy, and further that they ought to conform by dishonouring a promise made at the time of their engagement to men now serving, then the department ought to be told, in whatever parlance interdepartmental committees use, to

the premier non-governmental scient equivalent bodies from other countries, including those most often subject to criticism. ICSU, through its Standing Committee on F-ee Circuchange, issues advice, and maintains

Rights. More important, ICSU can exert considerable pressure on govern-ments or other agencies, for example, by withholding support for international meetings of its constituent unions in countries which restrict the attendance of scientists or the free flow of scientific know-

February 28.



#### **COURT** CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 2: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, on behalf of The Queen, held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

Major Sir Michael Hawkins, Vice-Admiral Sir Gerard Mansfield and Mr W A Chalmers had the Vice-Admiral Sir Gerard Maistend and Mr W. A. Chalmers had the honour of being received by The Prince of Wales this morning.
His Royal Highness subsequently visited Duchy of Cornwall property in Kennington.

CLARENCE HOUSE CLARENCE HOUSE

March 2: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at a Reception given by the members of the 600 (City of London) Squadron Association at Butchers' Hall.

Ruth, Lady Fermoy and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester has become Patron of Westfield

The Duke of Kent will present the King George VI Challenge Cup to the winners of the Saudringham Estate Club's darts competition on March 24.

Princess Alexandra will visit the City of London Sea Cadet Corps on board HMS Belfast, in the Pool of London, on March 29.

#### Birthdays today

Aidenham School
The Master and Wardens of the Brewers' Company held a reception yesterday evening in Brewers' Hall to mark the launching of the Aldenham School Appeal, 1977. Guests included Mr Justice Kerr. General Sir Richard Gale, Sir Charles Hardie. Sir John Gutch, Mr C. E. Parkinson, MP, the Headmaster of Aldenham School and other representatives of the governing body, common room, the Old Aldenhamian Committee and parents. Lord Armstrong of Sanderstead, 62; Mr R. C. Brooks, 78; Miss Joan Hassall, 71; Mr Ivon Hitchens, 34; Mr Robert Mellish, MP, 64; Sir Raiph Murray, 69; Mr Hugh Radcliffe, 66; the Right Rev Dr J. R. Richards, 76; Dame Enid Russell-Smith, 74; Mr Ronald Searle, 57; Professor Jocelyn Toynbee, 80; Sir John Ward, 68.

#### **Dinners**

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales The President (Mr Stanley Kitchen) and the members of the council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales gave a dinner last night in Chartered Accountants' Hall.
Among the guests were:
Lord Denning, Lord Shawcross, QC.
Lord Diamond, Lord O'Brien of Lothbury, Lord Lyell, Mr Edmund Doll.
bip, Mr Joel Barnott, MP, and Mr
Robert Sheldon, MP.

Mr A. M. F. Webb, QC. Governor of the London House Trust, pre-sided at the annual dinner held at London House yesterday even-ing for the residents of London House and William Goodenough House studying law. Among those

present were;
ludge Argyle, Mr. S. A. Block, Professor I. Brownile, Professor A. L.
Diamond, Mr. C. French, QC, Mrs. W.
French, the Hon Richard Holroyd
Pearce, QC, Professor and Mrs. A. J.
Jolowicz, Lord Keith of Kinko, Professor T. Koppmats, Mr. M. D. T.
Loop, Mr. C. A. Morrison, Mr. R. F. B.,
Marshall, Mr. T. Shaw and Mr. P.
Weisstor.

Polytechnic of Central London The annual dinner of the Poly-technic of Central London's Students' Union Law Society was held at the Café Royal last might. Guest speakers were Lord Justice Lawton, chairman of the Com-

LEGAL NOTICES

IN the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE

SPORTS Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the winding UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of dastice was on the 24th day of February. 1977, presonted to the said Court by Hong Kong Export Credit insurance Corporation being a Company registered office is altune at International Building Das views. Note registered office is altune at International Building Das views. Note and the court stilling at the Royal Courts of Justice. Strand, London WC2A 21th, on the 28th day of March 1977, and any greditor be court stilling at the Royal Courts of Justice. Strand, London WC2A 21th, on the 28th day of March 1977, and any greditor be court stilling at the Royal Courts of Justice. Strand, London WC2A 21th, on the 28th day of March 1977, and any greditor be contributory of the said Company destrous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Phenaring. In person or by the countributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Geol Altman, & Co. . 4. Archway Cose. London, 19, 218, 2201. Solicitors to the Petitions.

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w. J. CHRISTMAS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

Chancery Division Companies in the Matter of HiGHI SPORTS Limited and In the of The Companies Act, 1948.

Squadron
The University of London Air
Squadron held their annual dinner
at their headquarters yesterday
evening. The commanding officer,
Wing Commander J. Delafield,
presided, and the gaests of
honour were Air Marshal Sir
Herbert Durkin, Controller of
Engineering and Supply, and Dr
F. M. G. Willson, Principal of
London University.

LEGAL NOTICES

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In the matter of TOTAL LOCK Limited and in the matter of the Companies Act 11:48 Notice is herby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company, which is being VOLUN-TARILY WOUND UP, are required, on or before the 18th day of April 19:77 to send in their full Christian theorem of the company, which is the addresses and destroyed the company of the indicate of the company, and the company and the company and if the company and its company of the company and its company and the company and t

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N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

#### **Forthcoming** Luncheons

marriages Foreign and Commonwealth Office Lord Harris of Greenwich, Minister of State at the Home Office, was host at a luncheon at 1 Carl-Mr M. Carlson and Miss T. Tower ton Gardens yesterday in honour of Mr Hendrik J. Zeevalking. State Secretary, Ministry of Justice, The Netherlands. Among The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Mr and Mrs R. Carlson, of Milford. Connecticut, and Theresa, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Tower, The Knowle, Barcombe, Lewes. those present were: The Notherlands Ambassador, Mr H. T. Scheaveld Lord Carr of Nadley, Lord Wigoder, OC. the Hon Mrs S. M. Baring, Mr Woodrow Wyatt, Mr Terence Lancaster, Mr Geoffrey Smith, and Mr W. H. Pearce.

Mr J. H. McEnery Princess Alice Duchess of Glourincess Alice Dochess of Stor-cester was present at a luncheon given in her honour by the Apostolic Delegate at the Apos-tolic Delegation yesterday. The

Apostolic Delegate

other guests were :

Inter-Parliamentary Union

West Africa Committee

Reception

Aidenham School

Inter-Parliamentary Union
Mr A. J. Page, MP, was host at
a luncheon given by the executive
committee of the British group of
the Inter-Parliamentary Union at
the House of Commons yesterday
in honour of a parliamentary delegation from Senegal led by M
Ibrahima Tall.

and Miss L. W. Gibbons The engagement is announced between John Harmett McEnery, of 56 Lillian Road, 5W13, and Lillian Wendy, younger daughter of the late Mr G. R. Gibbons and the control of Bylleet. of Mrs L. A. Gibbons, of Byfleet, The Bishop of Leicester and Mrs Williams. Lord and Lady Grantley. Lady Rachel Pepys. the Hon Mrs Stonor Saonders. Lady Kelly, Miss Jean Maxwell-Scott, Baron Bernhard Still-fried. Vimo Ruth de Wohl, Colon Per E. Culverhouse, Mor Carlo Vipano. Father Bernard Kenney and Mr Dennis Polyspans. Surrey.

Mr D. Jessop and Miss S. J. Rackow

The marriage will take place between Donald, only son of Mr H. Gordon Jessop, JP, and Mrs Jessop, of Clacton, Essex, and Sara, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Frank Rackow, of Lyndenhurst, Dulwich Village, London.

and Miss O. S. Catlow

The engagement is announced between Anthony Rupert, elder son of Mrs Milburn and of the late Major R. L. E. Milburn, of Wingstes House, Longborsley, Morpeth, Northumberland, and Olivia Shirley, youngest daughter of Captain and Mrs T. N. Catlow, of Gabriel Cortage, Tunstall, Captoch Largeshire. The West Africa Committee gave a function yesterday at the Travellers' Club, Pall Mail. in honour of Chief J. O. Omolodun, Acting High Commissioner for the Federal Republic of Nigeria. The chairman, Mr E. C. Judd, presided. of Gabriel Cortage, Carnforth, Lancashire.

Latest wills

Batchelor, Mr Horace Cyril, of Bristol, a football pool tipster, left £148,729 net. After various bequests he left £3,000 and the residue to nine charities. Vago, Elizabeth, of Regent's Park, London, left £19,147 net. She left all her property to the Jewish National Fund Charitable Trust. Other estates include (net, be-fore duty paid; duty not dis-

Rickerby, Miss Annie Jane, of Carlisle ... £171,934 Shaw, Mr Otto Leslie, of Sutton Valence £146,732 Sington, Mr Edward Claude. of Twickenham, barrister £205,692 Steward, Mrs Edith Jane, of Win-dermera ... £119,916

mittee on Legal Education and of the Criminal Law Revision Com-mittee, and Mr Michael Ogden, QC, chairman of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board. Other guests included: 25 years ago

From The Times of Saturday, March 1, 1952

Professor Colin Adamson, Mr Nabil Hilari, Master L H. Jacob, QC. Professor Musa Massawi and Mr Edward Nusce. Georgetown, Penang, Feb 29.—It is reported from Perak that communist terrorists have begun a new offensive, this time against Malay villages. According to captured documents a strong affort is being made to dominate the Timber Trade Federation
Mr John Methven, director-general
of the Confederation of British
Industry, was the principal guest
at the annual dinner of the Timber
Trade Federation of the United
Kingdom, which was held at
Grosvenor House lest night, Mr
H. Sherwood, president of the
federation, presided, and among
those present were
The Czechoslovak Ambassador, the
Ambassador of the lowy Coast, the
Romaniah Ambassador, the Polish
Ambassador and the Soviet Ambassador. is being made to dominate the Malay persantry, to disarm the kempong guards, and to kill all Malay special constables. A communist directive has ordered that, if necessary, villages are to be overwhelmed by attack, but where there are too many gnards villagers are to be "educated by propaganda and action"; it is suggested that Chinese traders should be used to distribute pamphlets written in Malay. The process persants are to be led, the richer farmers won over, and the middle class persuaded that their interests are in no way endangered by communism. Since the murder of Sir Henry Gurney there has been an obvious change of tactics, and although the number of casualties inflicted has not increased, results have not been unimpressive.

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THE COMPANIES ACTS 1948 in 1976 HELLER ORGANISATION (LONDON) Limited (in Liquidaentermoon for the following pur-poses:

1. To accept the resignation of the present Ligardator.

2. To appoint a new Liquidator.

Dated this 21st day of February 1977.

R. G. JOHNSON, Liquidator, THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of SHORALIME Limited Nature of Susiness: Rotal printers WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 24th January 1977

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N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT. 1948 in the Matter of TUPWOOD STRUCTURAL Limited. Nature of Business: Steelwork contactors.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE-7th Pebruary, 1977.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS: CREDITORS 17th March. 1977.

AR Room 239, Templar House, 91 High Herbarn, London WCIV 6LP. at 2.00 o'clock.

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I. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

Mr P. W. Evans

and Mrs A. James
The engagement is announced
between Philip Walter, son of Mr
and Mrs E. S. Evans, Highfield,
Haslemere, Surrey, and Amalia,
daughter of Mr and Mrs Luke
Meinertzhagen, 46 Victoria Road,
London, W8.

Mr C. G. Hourmouzios and Mile N. Well

The engagement is announced between Christopher George, eider son of Mr and Mrs Stelio Hourmouzlos, of Coleherne Court, London, SW3, and Nicole, only daughter of M and Mme Leandre Weil, of rue de Berne, Paris. Captain R. C. Gow and Mile A. Bayart

The engagement is announced between Roderick Gow. Scots Guards, son of Major-General and Mrs Michael Gow, of Long Vere House, Hascombe. Surrey, and Anne, daughter of Le Batonnier and Mme Arnould Bayart, of 200 avenue de Messidor, 1180 Brussels. Mr E. B. Pitt

and Miss C. M. Arthur The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs Richard Pitt, of Mattingley, Hampshire, and Catherine, daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs John Arthur, of Rickmansworth. Hertfordshire. Mr A. P. Wane and Miss S. R. Richards

the engagement is announced between Anthony Patrick, elder son of the late Mr and Mrs Ronald Wane, of Felpham, Bognor Regis, Sussex, and Susan Rosalind, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Walter Richards, of Harpole, Northamptonshire.

Zoological Society of London awards

London awards
The Zoological Society of Loudon has made the following awards for contributions to zoology in 1976: Scioniffe Medal lawarded to personage and the following awards for several property of the following awards for several property of the following awards for several property of the following awards for work on experimental and developmental psychology and neurology. Professor B. K. Follett. UCNW Banger, for work on seasonal breeding cyclen in higher vertebrates, particularly on photoperiodism in birds.
Thomas Henry Huxley Award of a sculpture by Topis Wirksala ifor original work submitted as a doctoral thesis! Dr D. J. Fatterson, Bristol University, for thesis on lonic and osmotic troated and original work submitted as a doctoral thesis!: Dr D. J. Fatterson, Bristol University, for thesis on lonic and osmotic troated by Topis of the following the professor of longer and on the behaviour of contractile vacuoles of divers organism. Zoological Society of London Frink Medal for British Zoologists if or contributions by professoral zoologists to the development of zoology in its wider implications! Professor E. J. W. Berrington, FRE.

Haileybury

The choir of Haileybury College and Mr J. Hindmarsh. Director of Music, gave a choral and organ recital in the Chapel of the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, on February 24, in aid of King George's Fund for Sailors, by kind permission of Rear-Admirat C. A. W. Weston, Admiral President, and the Master of Haileybury.

Lancing College The following awards have been made for September, 1977; LORD SANKEY SCHOLARS: A. P. Anthony Mawden', R. Franks S. Christopher's. Have:, M. P. N. Ted 'Mawden'

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GIDDORS (Duriston Court)
MAJOR SCHOLARS C. Buckeridge
(New College School, Oxford), D. E.
WYOS (Cathedre) School, Ripon)
EXHIBITIONS: W. P. Hausling (West Hill
Park), N. J. A. Prics (Aberdour).

Ethnic art awards

The Minority Rights Group is to make annual awards to the group or individual considered to group or individual considered to nave made the most socially sig-nificant contribution to ethic arts in the United Kingdom. The first awards, of £250 and £100, will be presented at the National Theatre by Dame Peggy Ashcroft.

School's third appeal

Giggleswick School, North Yorkshire, bas launched an appeal for £150,000 for the further modernization of teaching, indoor sports and cultural facilities. Two previous appeals have raised more than \$200,000.

Charities amalgamate The British Council for Rehabilitation of the Disabled and the Central Council for the Disabled are to amalgamate in April to form the British Association for Disability and Rehabilitation.

Spring Ball

The Spring Ball will take place on Thorsday, March 17, in aid of the NSPCC's National Advisory Centre on the Battered Child and of the Jinja Groups Trust, at Quaglino's ballroom. Spoon exhibition

An exhibition on the development of the European spoon will be held in the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland, Edinburgh,

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr Arnold Shaw, MP for Redbridge, Ifford, South, to be parliamentary private secretary to Mr
Preeson, Minister for Housing and
Construction in succession as Ma Construction in succession to Mr Robert Bean, MP for Rochester and Chatham.

Church news

Resignations
The Rev K. W. Breed. Vicar of Shirtey, diocese of Birmingham rend of April. of Aprili.

The Ray W. J. G. Gwynn, Vicar of St. James Woolfold Bury, diocess of Manchester (April 30).

Canon J. P. Horkins Vicar of Malborough with South Hutsh, diocess of Exeter (April 14).

Canon L. Shoriand-Bali, Vicar and Rural Dean of East Retiord, diocese of Southwell (April 5).

Today's engagements

Princess Anne, Chief Commandant, Women's Royal Naval Service, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, the Duchess of Kent and Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester attend Combined Women's Services Diamond Jubilee Service, Westminster Jubilee Service, Westminster Abbey, 11.15.
Princess Margaret, as president, attends members' dance of English Folk Dance and Song Society, Cecil Sharp House, Regent's Park Road, London, 7.20.

7.30. The Duke of Kept, President, RAF Benevolent Fund, visits Duke of Kent School, Woolpit, Ewburst, 11; with the Duchess of Kent attends premier of film Nickel-odeon in aid of Royal British Legion, ABCI Cinema, Snaftes-

Legion; ABCI Cinema, Shaftesbury Avenue, 7.55.
The Duchess of Gloucester visits National Children's Home. Edgworth, Bolton. 10.55; lunches at Wigan Technical College and opens Howe Eridge Sports Complex, Wigan, 2.30.

Bernhardt sold for £2,600 The sale totalled £91,493, with 1 per cent unsold. The top price was 512,000 (estimate £10.000 to £15,000) for a pair of 12 bore "royal" sidelock ejector guas by Holland and Holland, made in The elegant revolver that Sarah Bernhardt carried to defend her-self was sold at Christle's yester-day for £2,500 (estimate £1,500 to £2,500).

Ian Fleming's Colt "python", top, and Sarah Bernhardt's revolver, which were sold at Christie's yesterday.

Revolver carried by Sarah

it was more for reassurance than defence, she claimed "I am not a bad shot, for a waman".

The revolver figured in an advenure in 1881 during her American tour. At St Louis she was persuaded to exhibit her jeweiry

any harm, in spite of your pretty little revolver. Christie's sale also included a Colt. "python." .357 revolver presented by the manufacturers to Ian Fleming, the author. The gift was in recognition of the care Fleming took over his references to firearms in the James Bond stories. It made £900 (estimate £250 to £500).

**Exhibition adds** 

lore of Tolkien

An exhibition of the unpublished

drawings and manuscripts of the

late J. R. R. Tolkien, lord of the

since the exhibition first opened

at the Ashmolean Museum, princlosily drafts of manuscrints show. ing the mericulous and creative way in which Tolkien revised his

A long and instructive letter to

a woman who had bought a copy

of Thucydides, Book V, heavily

annotated by Tolkien. In a second-

hand bookshop has the passage:

" I am afraid I used to scribble

on books (only on my own). I still feel no compunction in writing in my own books, though I

now only put notes supposed to

be of use—if I can later decipher

Mr Donald Swann, who set some

The legend of the little man

who became the hero of his race, which Tolkien invented for the

English-speaking people, is not a passing cult for millions, but a completely durable myth."

The exhibition includes the

translations into many languages of *n Signore degli Anelli*. The Black Riders in the Japanese ver-

sion look appropriately like samurai. The exhibition adds depth and delight to elvish lore and the chronicles of Middle-

of Tolkien's verse to music, opened the exhibition. He said:

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By a Staff Reporter

writing.

them."

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any harm, in spite of your

It was made for her by Gastinne Renette, of Paris, and is encrusted Renette, of Paris, and is encrusted in two-colour gold-and-platinum arabesques. The grip bears her monogram and motto Quand mems below a mask of tragedy. It is inset with chalcedony of a greenish-yellow colour and is contained in a case of verwered bird's-eye maple with a wine-coloured velvet interior, complete with accessories. sories.

Sarah refers to the revolver in her memoirs, Mp Double Life. She writes of her "prettily chased revolver, ornamented with cat's eyes", which she always had with her "any time I go to a place where I think there is danger". Although she acknowledged that it was more for reassurance than

of set, which realized £31,014, with 6 per cent unsold. A set of nine mahogany Chippendale-style dining chairs, their backs with urn-shaped splats elaborately carved to imitate acanthus, made £1,600 (estimate £400 to £800).

A set of 12 mahogany dining chairs, the backs formed with a concave top rall and single crossbar with outswept arms on rurned bar with outswept arms on turned supports, made £820 (estimate £300 to £500). in a local shop. A gang who intended to rob her on a train journey were caught, but one of the conspirators assured her that "we should not have done you

A set of eight mahogany dining chairs, following the basic Queen Anne style but with carved embellishments, from the workshop of James Shoolbred (according to cierk) and dating from about 1890, made £600 (estimate £300 to £600). £23,138 furniture: Philips's sale

of furniture totalied £23,138. A central Persian rug was sold for £1,300 (estimate £600 to £800) to

At Socheby's, a sale of fine Old Master paintings made £130,455, with 11 per cent unsold. The top price was £7,000 (estimate £2,000 to £3,000) for a group of "elegant horsemen resting outside a tavern", by Adam Frans van der Meulen, signed and dated 1659. A picture expected to make the most, a ravern interior by Egbèrt van Heemskerck, was unsold at £4,200 (estimate £4,000 to £6,000). Sotheby's Belgravia were sell-Someby's Belgravia were selling English furniture and works of srt, which realized £31,014, with

Berradout. A Dutch eighteenth-century marquetry cylinder bureau was bought by Black for £2,700 (estimate £2,500 to £3,000).

#### Sale begins dispersal of John Evelyn property By Geraldine Norman

Sale Room Correspondent The start of the dispersal of John the start of the dispersal of John Evelyn's property is scheduled for March 17 at Christie's, when a walnut and limewood table carved by Grinling Gibbons comes up for

A large property handed down among descendants of the great seventeenth-century diarist, writer, scientist and antiquary is being sold off by the family. Attention has been concentrated on the sale of his library, which has survived intact, and efforts are being made to secure for the nation. But other Evelyn properties go on sale this

The table to be sold on March 17 was given by Gibbons to
Evelyn. Its deep limewood
frieze is richly carved with fruit
and flowers, held in place at the
sides by putti. Evelyn's manuscript Inventory of Wotton House (1702) records:

"A table of walnut tree curiously vein'd and vernish'd standing on a frame of lime-tree, incompar-ably carved with 4 Angels, flowers ably carved with 4 Angels, Howers and frutages by that famous Artist Gibbons, & presented to me in acknowledgement of my first Recommending him to K. Charles the Second, before which he was scarse known."

The piece is valued by Christie's at 22,000 to 13,000, surely an underestimate. The next day their auction of important English pictures contains a group of seventeenth-century family portraits. From the illustrations they look indifferent, but they are nevertheless historic; including one of the diarist himself.

In the sale of Continental furni-ture two weeks later there will be two more Evelyn lots. First comes an ebony and pietra dura cabinet inset with 19 Florentine pietra dura plaques of flowers and birds by Domenico Benotti. In his diary Evelyn records that he bought the plaques in Florence and had them ncorporated in a cabinet.

There is a pair of German marquery tables whose inlay depicts the "Siege of Vienna" and the "Bombardment of Napoli di Romania". Both those events occurred in Evelyn's lifetime and the tables are believed to have belonged to him. The library sale is scheduled for the summer.

#### Royal Academy to hold biennial fine-art fair

By Our Arts Reporter A biennial fine-art fair, compris ing paintings, drawings and prims, is to be staged at the Royal Academy. The event is intended to alternate with the Paris fair and it will be presented in the academy's main galleries.

The first to take place in December, will cost £100,000 and will be a non-profitmaking venture, with a donation going to the academy and a contingency fund being set up from the proceeds. The event, under the title of the

The event, under the title of the Burlington International Fine Art Fair, is being organized by a committee under the chairmanship of Sir Hugh Casson, President of the Royal Academy, with Lord Drogheda as vice-chairman. A committee of experts and museum directors, will inspect the work, so there will be no doubt of authenticity, condition or quality. About 40 leading British, Continental and American dealers are expected to take part. An admission fee will be charged, probably between £1 and £2 including the catalogue.

The fair, in the first two weeks of December, will coincide with

The fair, in the first two weeks of December, will coincide with important sales at Sotheby's and Christie's: a small loan exhibition will be held concurrently and a charity opening is planned in aid of the St John Ambulance Brigade.

# Exmoor access agreement meets guarded welcome

By our Planning Reporter

A prospective agreement to allow continued public access to some parts of the Exmoor National Park that are reclaimed for Park that are reclaimed for agriculture received only a guarded welcome from the Council for the Protection of Rural England yesferday.

On Tuesday the national park committee accepted an offer from Mr Ben Halliday, a local landowner, to allow visitors "to roam with few restrictions" over his estate. In return a limited area of moorland would be converted to grazing and fencing exercted to hobbits, was opened at the National Book League yesterday. Several exhibits have been added

to grazing and fencing erected to prevent cattle from straying. Mr Christopher Hall, the coun-cil's director, said the agreement was a step in the right direction and showed that the committee

was accepting a measure of responsibility that it had not done previously.

\*\* But the question is: how many
of these package deals do you do? University news

Oxford The following awards and elec-Oxford
The following awards and elections have been made:
Arnold historical essay prize (sectent history; N. Purcell, scholar of worcoster College.
Heath Harrhon Junior Scholarshins, M. R. Ashlord, Christ Church (Spanish). Hilary H. Burson, St. Hugh's (French). Sally Garier, Lady Madgarer fall, Hussian, Joanna M. Davis, Christ German, Speith, Fenella S. Dawson, St. Hugh's (German). Elizabeth A. De La Briere, Somerville (modern Grock), Hildgel J. Kenner, Wadham (French). Rozana C. V. Knight, Lady Margaret Half (French). Ph. F. Langdle, Maggalen, 1818lan), Sarah-Jill Lemard, St. Hild's (French). M. J. Lightbown, Keble (Franch). A. M. R. Mackenzle, New College (German), Damaris L. Stophens, Wadham (French), J. J. Stophens, Wadham (French), J. J. J. Stophens, Wadham (French), Janice L. Taylor, Somerville (German).

How long are you going to go on before you have nothing left? ", he asked. he asked.

An article in this week's issue of British Farmer and Stock-breeder by Mr Monty Keen, the editor, describes the dispute between farmers and conservationists as "a political mountain created from an agricultural molebill".

Farmers who have increased the stock-carrying canacity of their

Farmers who have increased me stock-carrying capacity of their land sixfoid have received not medals but abuse, he states.

Much of the reclaimed land was formerly under the plough and is of high fertility in contrast to the bracked-infested soils of other national narks he says. the bracken-infested soils of other national parks, he says.

Its improvement for pasture would make life easier for ramblers without diminishing their access rights, and a rich green ley dotted with sheep is for most people an uplifting, dramatic and welcome contrast with the dark brown it sporadically and occasionally replaces.

SALLIOI COLLIGE: Honorary fellow-sfirst Professor R. Cobb. professor of modern history, and Sir Kenneth Dover. President of Lonous Christi College. UNIVERSITY COLLEGE: Well Junior Research Fellowship in Mathematics. From Oct 1: 8. Junior Research Jesus College, Cambridge.

MERTON COLLEGE: Junior research foliosystims: R. S. Ward, BSc. MS. Phodes Univ. senior scholar, St. John's mathematica): R. J. Nicolas, BA. Grandert scholar of Christ Church, scholar of Christ Church, scholar of St. Mart Church, chiysts. B. R. Ward, Partins, BA. Jomer exhibition: Magdalen senior history. Seniors Magdalen imodern history. Seniors chipsels. Scholar of Trinity Hall, Cambridge clipical modificing.

SOMERVILLE COLLEGE: Wolfson Tutorial Fellowship in Natural Sciences Carole Jaman, MA. PhD/Load), official Icilow and tutor in physics. Cambridge JESUS COLLEGE: Research fellowship from Oct 1: Vivien A Law, Girlo College, and P. M. H. Wilson, S Juhn's College.

# Science report

# Psychiatry: Causes of autism

Although Kanner, who first disorder, and two had cognitive vulsions, failure to breathe at described autism in the 1940s con-problems of other kinds. described autism in the 1940s considered that it was "inborn ", the part played by genetics has never been properly pinned down. Dr Susan Folstein and Dr Michael Rutter, of the Institute of Psychiatry in London, have used the traditional approach of investigating a group of 21 pairs of twins in which at least one of the pair is autistic, and they have uncovered quite a complicated pattern of apparently genetic and apparently physical factors.

Eleven of the twin pairs were identical, and 10 of them were non-identical. The first striking feature of the study was that four of the autishe identical twins had an autistic co-twin, and only two Seventeen of the twins had a non-autistic co-twin. Of those, 12 turned out to have suffered some potentially damaging experience at birth or soon after. Among the

By contrast, none of the non-identical co-twins was autistic, although one had a cognitive dis-order. That suggests a genetic factor in autism because identical twins are genetically identical whereas non-identical ones are no more closely related than an ordinary brother and sister. On the other hand, autism cannot be entirely genetic since identical co-twins are not always autistic. To try to identify the other factors, Dr Folstein and Dr Rutter looked at the medical records of the twins' births.

once, low birth-weight, a delay of more than 30 minutes between the birth of the two twins, and febrile film

That still leaves five cases in which there is no known reason why one twin should be autistic and the other not. Further research may help to show what other factors might account for that. But in the meantime it seems that both genetics and early physical trauma may play a crucial part in the cause of

By Nature-Times News Service. Source: Nature, February 24 (265, 728; 1977). C Nature-Times News Service,

#### **OBITUARY** MR ILIJA JUKIĆ Wartime Yugoslav Government

Mr Ilija Jukic, the former Assistant Secretary of Foreign Assistant Secretary of Foreign Affairs in the wartime Yago. slav Government in London, died on February 18 at the age of 75. Jukic belonged to a large Bosnian family of Croat who propounded not. parriots who propounded political union with the Serbs. An early adherent of the Croat Peasant leaders Ante and Stie pan Radic, Jukic spent his early years in the Yugoslav diplomatic service but before the war he became first leader writer and then foreign editor of the Croat Peasant Party's main Zagreb newspaper. When his political chief, Dr Macek joined the Yugoslav Govern-ment in 1934 as Deputy Prime Minister, Jukic was his Chef du Cabinet until the Axis invasion of Yugoslavia.

#### MR GERALD RIVINGTON

Mr Gerald Chippindale Rivington, who was diairman of Rivingtons (Publishers) Ltd. the well-known publishers of educational and text books, died yesterday at the age of 83. Born in 1893 he was educated at Harrow and was commissioned in the Border Regiment on the served in France for a year and was invalided in 1916. After the war he went back into the family firm. He was vice-president of the Publishers Association from 1929 to 1931, and a Liveryman of the Stationers' and Newspaper Makers' Company. He was chairman of the Board of Governors of Harrow School from 1953 to 1964 and, from 1932 to 1969, a member of the Board of Referees (Finance). He married, in 1915, Margaret Stewardson Summersby. She died in 1951.

#### MR ANTHONY CROSLAND

Mr Einar Agustsson, Ice-landic Minister for Foreign Affairs, writes:
I would like to pay tribute
to the memory of Mr Anthony Crosland, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth

Affairs. His untimely death is

indeed a great loss, not only for Britain but for the friends of Britain-including the Icelanders. I personally had the good fortune to meet the late Secretary of State some 15 years ago, and I state without re-servation that he was one of

the most appealing and able statesmen that Britain has had.

It is perhaps not necessary to dwell on the agreement which was made in Oslo on June 1, 1976, but even though he always been in mind first and foremost he interest of his own country he understood our vital problems and signed an agree. problems and signed an agree-

ment which showed wisdom and courage. many peasantries and witticisms which I remember from our relations but they were many and will be well kept. May Hend these few words by saying that Britain has lost one of he best sons, the international community has lost a staunch supporter, and Iceland a friend whom we will remember with unreserved

respect? I offer my most sincere con-dolences to Mrs Crosland and relatives.

#### SIR PAUL SINKER

Sir Paul Relly writes:

Sir Paul Sinker's chairmanship of the Crafts Advisory
Committee, to which a brief
reference was made in your
obituary, as a very happy
appointmen not only for the
members if the CAC who
delighted it his patient, intuitive undersinding of the many delighted it his patient, intuitive undersunding of the many cross currets in the world of the crafts, not only for the craftsmen ad craftswomen of Britain where are benefiting from an riightened, wellfounded pece of public patronaga, bt. also for himself. His own plent pleasure in mastering a for him, entirely new field was infectiously encouraging the small staff running the young organization. Lord Edles, as Minister for the Arts, could not have made a wiser thoice of chairman to launch the new body. man to launch te new body.

#### MR ANHONY NICHOLLS

R.K. writes: In the too ear death of the actor Anthony Icholls I write actor Anthony Rholls I write for many of us ho have lost a beloved friend. e, was a most valuable and distinguished actor—I had the good fortune to be with him a the company at Stratford-upd-Avon some years ago, and lar in A Family and a Fortie, with Sir Alec Guinness.

Even when bired and

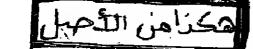
Even when tired and strained, as he den was, he never let up, it kept his humour and sent of enjoyment through all tresses and strains of the ment through all tresses and strains of the ment and the second services. strains of the wok until he dropped, literally.

We his friends all miss him very much and it perhaps come to be glad h has got a

well-earned rest, at does not have to worry any lore about how to work enogh to live and pay our exhorkant taxes. He has beaten old a and the final non-rewards an old actor's life.

Mr Roy Abernethia former president and chiefxecutive officer of America Motors Corporation (AMC) flied on February 28 at his lome in Tequesta. Florida. Heyas 70.

Captain the Hon Charles Broderick Amyas Bernel, CBE, who was High Sherifof Suffolk and a former chanan of Suffolk County Count, has died at the age of 72.



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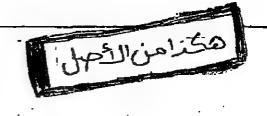
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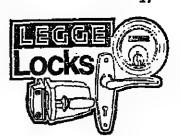
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# Reserves rise r Hija Jukic, the strant Secretary of the irs in the warting of Government in the warting of 75. Jukic belonged as Bosnian family of the ots who propounded level for more than two years

union with the Serb adherent of the mt leaders Ante and, years in the spen matic service but a car be became first a te Croat the service but By Melvyn Westlake More confidence in the economy helped to bring further large sums of money into Britain last month, obliging the Bank of England to buy foreign currency extensively to prevent the pound rising too far.

As a result, the nation's re-serves of gold and foreign cur-(£345m) in February to \$7,787m, the second highest level on record. The previous peak was \$7,824m in November.

This follows the huge January rise in reserves of nearly 75 per cent when Britain re-ceived the first instalment of its latest loan from the Inter-national Monetary Fund. Although the latest increase is considerably below that for the orevious month, it still repre-sents an unusually good improvement in the reserve

position.
Contributing to the latest rise is the first drawing—\$250m—from the \$1,500m loan recently raised by the Government from an international group of banks. Another \$10m resulted from borrowings made by the National Water Council from the European Investment Bank.
But much of the balance of the increase in reserves—\$331m—stems directly from the Bank of England's intervention in the foreign exchange market.

The pound was less contin-uously strong last month than it was in January, particularly in the wake of a much wider trade deficit and the mounting opposition of some trade union-ists to a further stage of pay

Even so, it is obvious that the Bank of England was more involved in holding the exchange rate of the pound down than in propping it up. Throughout the month the rate was held between \$1.6950 and \$1.7180.

But it has become increasingly clear in recent weeks that much less of the money that is flowing into Britain is of the speculative volatile variety than was originally thought. Such inflows present considerable problems to the authorities because this kind of hot money is inclined to flow out just as quickly.

According to the latest assessment in Whitehall, however, the earlier estimates that as much as \$1,000m of hot A crave need minested in the government bond market are too high by a large

The following are the figures for the United Kingdom's official reservee issued by the Treasury

period	Sep	2m	Sm.
1971	6,582	2,526	
1972	5,646	2,526	
1973	6,476	, 2,787	
1974	6,789	2,890	
1975	5,429	2,883	
1976	4,129	2,426	
1975			
Nov	5,606	2,775	→ 146
Dec	5,429	2,683	- 107
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1976	0 705		1 4 050
Jari Feb	6,785	5,344	+1,356
Merch	7,024	3,468	+ 239
April	5,905 4,848	3,082 2,633	+1,119
May	5,423	3,083	-1,057 + 575
June	5,312	2,976	+ 575
July	5,370	3,010	+ 58
Aug	5,029	2,831	- 341
Sept	5,158	3,092	+ 129
Oct	4.703	2,985	- 455
Nov	5,158	3,118	+ 453
Dec	4,129	2,425	-1,027
1977			
Jan	7,196	4,196	+3,067
Feb	7.787	4,548	+ 591

of "leads" and "lags" has been a principal element Leading and lagging, which eccurs when imports make pre-mature purchase of currency and exporters delay repatria-tion of foreign earnings, was one of the main reasons behind the weakness of the pound last

Now businessmen are revers-Now businessmen are reversing these currency positions. At the same time, the prohibition by the Treasury on the financing in starling of third country trade has also proved to have been a much larger contributor to the reserves than had seemed likely.

Renters were talk larger and the contributor to the reserves than had seemed likely.

Bankers were told last year to end this practice. Initially, it was officially estimated that this might result in an inflow of some £500m, but it now seems likely that it will be nearer £1.000m. Moreover, the money is re-

Moreover, the money is returning faster than had been expected. Initially, bankers were given 180 days to end their financing of third country trade. But it is now expected to take much less than six months for the bulk of the funds involved in this practice to return to London. to return to London.

The underlying inward move-ments of funds brought about The main inflows appear to by all these factors is far have been to the account of ourweighing the cost of finanresidents, and the unwinding ing the continuing trade deficit,

#### Increase in overtime

By Our Economic Staff. in economic activity in the later months of last year is provided by new figures stowing over-time working in October at its highest for nearly two years, and short-time working was at its lowest for rather longer. According to returns from a

sample of employers, published in the larest Employment Gazette vesterday the number of overtime hours worked in manufacturing isdustry in the week ended Ocober 16 (the latest figures scallable) was 15.84 million—the highest since December 1974, some 35.1 of all operatives were working all operatives were working an average 8.6 nours of over-

At the same tine, the number of operatives who worked short-time for all, or part, of the week was down to 46,000, the

y Our Economic staff. lowest number affected since Fresh evidence of the upturn the summer of 1974, while the total number of hours lost in this way, at 503,000, was the lowest for 26 months. Average hours lost were 10.9. These trends are consistent

with other indications in late autumn and early winter. During the last quarter of 1976 manufacturing production appears to have been increasing at an annual rate of 24 to 3

Hours lost through short-time have now been falling quite steadily since the record levels of May 1975 (when nearly 240,000 operatives lost almost three million hours). Overtime has been more erratic, but appears to have been on an upward trend since the middle of 1975, although it is still significantly below the levels prevail-



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#### Banks get support on inflation accounting

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales is putting its weight behind the banks' demands that any new inflation accounting system should make full allowince for changes in the value of monetary items.

In the Institue's view, which emerged at a meeting of its council yesterday morning, it puts it into direct opposition to the proposals of the Sandilands Committee and the Morpeth Committee, which produced an exposure draft on inflation accounting last December,

Sandilands considered that no adjustments for inflation in no adjustments for inflation in respect of monetary items should be made in companies' profit and loss statements.

As a preferred solution, Morpeth followed the Sandilands principle but suggested that adjustments might be made in a separate profit and loss account.

Banks have argued strongly that adjustments for monetary items should be made in profit items should be made in pronu-and loss accounts to cover the erosion of their capital in-relation to the overall growth in their businesses.

In acknowledgement of its own uncertainties on this issue,

the Morpeth Committee set up a separate working party to look into the problems of the brakes

The council's meeting was only the first stage of its discussions on inflation accounting, and nothing more than the broad principle of its support for inclusion of monetary adjustments in the profit and loss account was agreed upon.

A further meeting is to be held on May 4 to consider the Institute's final submission to the Morpeth Committee and in the meantime, its technical committee is looking into the issue in more detail.

Apart from the question of monetary items, which has been the most contentions feature of the inflation accounting debate so far, the Institute has come out in favour of the central concert underpinning the Morpeth proposals. The council was maximula on this point was unanimous on this point.
But it is seeking extensive modifications. It wants the exposure drast to be simplified, for instance by the exclusion of leading from the extension of the extensio for instance by the exclusion of leasing from any new inflation accounting standard. It also wants the minimum size of turnover of companies required to produce current cost accounts to be raised from £100,000 to £500,000.

The Institute believes that the appropriation accounts pro-

the appropriation account, pro-posed by Morpeth to show revaluation surpluses and any extra allocations necessary to maintain the substance of the business, should be audited.

On the question of the discretion allowed to directors in making this allocation there has been some criticism, and a recent report by the auditing practices committee has cast doubt on whether it would be possible to audit appropriation

Other main alterations pro-posed by the Institute are that historic cost accounts should be historic cost accounts should be retained as a supplement to current cost accounts for a year longer than proposed by Morpeth, and that there should be a common starting date for the introduction of the new system for all companies. Morpeth proposed that big companies should introduce it before small ones.

#### Sharp rise in gold ahead of IMF auction

Gold bullion rose strongly in price yesterday in advance of the International Monetary Fund's auction—the first of the new series of monthly auctions with 525,000 ounces on offer. At the close in London go'd was \$144 — a rise of \$3 on the day although slightly off its peak during dealings.

The rise was seen as encouraging for the success of the IMF auction because it reversed the movement seen on Tuesday and topped the promising rise on Monday.

#### Fiat delegation in Peking talks

Rome, March 2.—A Fiat delegation headed by Signor Nicola Gioia, the board member responsible for international relations, arrived today in Peking from Turin for talks with the Chinese authorities on sectors other than motor cars.

The talks had been under preparation for nearly a year. Signor Giois is accompanied by experts in the fields of industrial vehicles, industrial motors, forklift trucks, machine tools, earth-moving equipment and TRCTORE.

eary losses.
Sterling gained 15 points to close at \$1.7150. Index of the f effective depreciation on new basis stood at \$1.8 (December 1971=100). On old basis the depreciation rate was unchanged at \$3.1 per cent. Israeli prices pledge softens 2 pc devaluation

A further 2 per cent devalua-tion brought the Israeli pound to 9.25 to the American dollar (15.7 to the pound). The de-valuation, the first since January 17, was accompanied by government assurances that prices of basic commodities, fuel and public transport will remain unchanged. Other prices are expected to rise

# Leyland board seeking ways to avert drastic review proposed by NEB

British Leyland's board is cer-tain to meet before the end of this week to agree on amergency measures to avoid the drastic review of the car divi-sion's capital investment pro-gramme which the National Enterprise Board said yesterday would be necessary unless there was a return to sustained out-

Directors were drawing up plans last night to meet the NEB's request that they "give the fullest possible explanation to trade union officials, shop tewards and all employees of the grave situation which has been reached, the consequences which are likely to follow for the cars plan, and the objectives which have to be met if there is to be any chance of averting these consequences. In its strongest warning yet about the company's severe in-ternal financial problems, the NEB added: "It is the NEB's succere hope that the very seri-ous consequences for the future of Leyland Cars and for its of Leyland Cars and for its workforce can be averted while there is still time. If not, the situation will be beyond the power of RI, the NEB or the Government to put right."

It is clear that the Leyland board had no choice under the Companies Act last week but to

Clyde rig

Industrial Correspondent

Up to £13m will be supplied

by the Government for the construction of a speculative oil

exploration rig for the British

National Oil Corporation by the

American-owned Marathon UK

company on the Upper Clyde.

It will provide snuch needed

employment for the company

whose order book has been

exhausted.

Mr Benn, the Secretary of State for Energy, told the Commons last night that he had asked the BNOC to negotiate with Marathon for the purchase of the rig within guidelines laid down by the Government.

The Government decided before Christmas to provide cash for BNOC to build the rig as a speculative venture following the company's decision to lay off over 1,000 of its workers after the delivery of its last order.

order.
The Energy Secretary made it clear that because of the

large commitment by the Government towards financing

of the contract, it would require to approve the terms and conditions, although the detailed negotiations would be undertaken by the BNOC who would place the order on its own

count. Elsewhere within the troubled

shipbuilding industry Swan Hunter announced last night that is had completed negotiations with the Bowring Steamship Company for an order for a 28,000 tons deadweight bulk

carrier for delivery in April next year. The ship is to be built at the group's Hebburn

By Peter Hill

exhausted.

with £13m

decision that the scope of the investment programme for Ley-land Cars would have to be cut substantially if cash continued to flow out of the company at the present rate. Under its chairman, Lord

Under its chairman, Lord Ryder, the NEB is due to provide £1,400m to British Leyland under the 10-year Ryder plan, with a similar amount generated by the company internally and from non-public sources.

Faced with Leyland's alarming financial predicament, the NEB realizes that under its guidelines there will be no government guarantees to creditors ernment guarantees to creditors of any NEB subsidiaries (except in the cases of Rolls-Royce (1971) and International Com-

As a result, should any NEB subsidiary go into liquidation, the board is bound to act in the same way as a private company The company's cash prob-lems were underlined yester-day when it disclosed at a Commons Select Committee hearing dealing with the British Steel Corporation that

By Ronald Emler The Monopolies Commission

has uncovered a price ring which operated in the late 1960s and early 1970s in the supply of diazo copying material—papers, cloths and films which have been made light sensitive

by coating them with diazonium

compounds, used largely in drawing offices.

Yesterday the Director General of Fair Trading placed on the public register 22 previ-

on the phonic register 22 previously unregistered verbal agreements relating to parallel pricing of cover prices and discounts of the four major suppliers in the United Kingdom. They are Ozalid, GAF (Great Britain), Addressograph-Multigraph and Harper & Tunstall.

In a Commons reply yester-day Mr John Fraser, Minister of State for Prices and Con-sumer Protection, said the Gov-

ernment took a serious view of the existence of the unregis-

In its report published yester-day the commission found that

Ozalid held a monopoly (it held

more than 50 per cent of the market in 1974-75) and that the

other three companies might be in a complex monopoly situs-

A complex monopoly is

A complex monopoly is defined as one in which suppliers have more than 25 per tent of a market jointly and conduct their "respective affairs so as to restrict or distort competition by charging the same or similar prices or offering the same or similar discounts", Mr Fraser said.

Reistence of the unregistered agreements presented the Mon.

agreements prevented the Mon-opolies Commission from taking into account all the facts it

tered agreements.

vestment capital—that lost production resulting from the spate of strikes was putting the company in a position where it was no longer viable.

The NEP Levision where it was problems for RSC, which is struggling to maintain all its struggling to ma o longer viable. . struggling to maintain sales in The NEB has reacted with a a depressed market.

There was also irony yester-day in the latest United Kingdom car production figures, which showed that in January, British Leyland made more cars—58,588—than in any month since the restructured company began operations in September, 1975. The company's previous best month was May last year, when it produced 65,068 cars.

Against this is the Prime

Against this is the Prime Minister's comment on Tuesday in the Commons that in the past year, Leyland had failed to produce 200,000 cars. Under the Ryder plan, which stressed (in April, 1975) that "urgent action must be taken to remedy the weaknesses which at present prevent if from competing effectively in from competing effectively in world markets", the company's operations were divided into four separate businesses, each a profit centre. They were cars, trucks and buses, special products and international off-

From the start, the car divi-sion has wilted while the other

the Restrictive Practices Court, and thus it could only find that

the Ozalid monopoly did not operate contrary to the public interest, and that it was impos-

sible for it to determine whether the potential complex monopoly of the other three companies exists or did so at the time of the request for its

However, the commission did

find, Mr Fraser said, that "Ozalid's profits had been higher in recent years than might have been expected in

fully competitive conditions but

again they were unable to say how far the profit levels resul-

ted from any limitation of price-

compension arising from un-

registered agreements or how

far, if at all, from the mono-poly resident of Oralid". In the absence of any saverse

findings by the Monopolies Commission the Secretary of

State for Prices and Consumer

Protection could take no further action, Mr Freer said. However, the Draw General of

Fair Trading proposed to start

effective and to give an under-standing not to revive any of the 22 agreements. A later course of action could involve

seeking a ruling on whether the

agreements operated against the

public interest.

The third agreement put on

inquiry.

the failure has been almost en-tirely blamed on poor industrial relations.

Leyland Cars accounts for almost three quarters of the company's activities and is due to receive the major share of the planned investment. Big foundry projects, the replacement for the Mini in 1980, factory expansions and modernizations, major machine rool purchasing and the introduction of face-lifted models and new ranges of cars, all designed to build Leyland into a major European force in the motor industry in the next decade, are planned.

The Ryder report concluded two years ago that BL's present levels of capital expenditure and working capital were far too low. Even to maintain the level in real terms needed a profit of at least £100m a year and much larger sums to make up for the capital rundown of the past.

More lay-offs: The number of

workers laid off in British Ley-land plants rose to more than 30,000 yesterday, with the probability of up to 40,000 idle before the week's end. The new lay-offs involved workers in

## Moves to draw Saudis into IMF loans plan From David Blake

Paris, March 2

Senior international monetary officials are now studying plans aimed at increasing the resources available to the International Monetary Fund by several thousand million dol-

It is hoped that a scheme in-volving the Saudi Arabians be-ing brought in to a special lend-ing relationship can be worked out in time for the next meeting of the IMF's interim committee on April 28 and 29.

It is hoped that such a scheme could boost the fund's resources by at least \$12,000m (about £702m) with figures as high as \$20,000m to \$30,000m being considered possible.

Soundings out of a discree sort are about to get under way with the Saudi Arabians. The chairman of the Group of Tea, Mr Willie Clerg, Belgien finance minister, is expected to fly to Saudi Arabia next weel. It is also believed that Dr Johannes Witteveen, managing

director of the fund, has been in Saudi Arabia for ralks.

The money, if it can be raised, would be partly used for the extra tranche of loans. to countries in great difficulty, which was foreshadowed in the

Jamaica agreement in January, 1976 This tranche would only be lent under very stringent conditions.
Herr Helmot Schmidt, the

So far, it is not clear how the Saudis will react to any

Growing concern has been voiced about the limited resources available to the official elements trying to deal with the increasingly difficult prob-lem of financing the external This concern recently found expression in a speech by Mr

proceedings in the Restrictive It is thought likely that inid-ally he will seek court orders ject to registration under the 1956 Act and thus illegal and void. He will probably also seek an order directing the companies to register any further agreements before making them effective and or give an under-

information to the commission as was possible. Seven different them substantial, had been put together for the commission. Ozalid welcomed the commis-sion's conclusion that there was no operation against the public Ozalid last month accepted a

£24.6m takeover bid from Ocevan ger Grinten of Holland.

price ring in copying materials report. In effect it had to dis-regard the price agreements, a refers to the "Top Twenty" matter within the jurisdiction of specified customers who were all to be offered similar prices and discounts. They included British Leyland, GEC, British Steel, Ford, General Motors, British Railways, Hawker Sidde-ley, the National Coal Board. lessey and Rolls-Royce.
One of the "Top Twenty"

was ICI, which, the commission noted in its report, had an agreement with Ozalid under which the latter " has been able to obtain a price more favourable than that charged by ICI because of its commitments to large purchases of film. There is also a technical collaboration agreement between Ozalid and

Mr Fraser said yesterday that he." understood all the agree-ments had been brought to an

Because the agreements were verbal none of the companies is completely sure which operated at any given period and indeed there are doubts as to whether some of the 22 agreements registered yesterday were in institutions was discussed fact made.

An Ozalid spokesman said last night that all arrangements as far as they were aware had come to an end before the Monopolies Commission reference in July, 1974.

Ozalid had provided as much

State backs | Monopolies Commission uncovers West German Chancellor, ie-cently stressed Germany's will-ingness to participate in raising money for this scheme in on interview in a Saudi Arabian aewspaper, the Saudi Gazette.

such proposal. But it does seem certain that seeking to introduce such a scheme is now playing a central role in the thinking of some leading inter-national financial circles in the West.

Gordon Richardson, Governor of the Bank of England, who last week visited Saudi Arabia on a trip simed at discussing the possible purchase of United Kingdom bonds denominated in foreign currency.

It is not known whether the idea that the Saudis should play a greater role in providing funds to international financial

At the moment the basic idea seems to be to get Saudi Arabia to accept an elite status as a lender to the fund, possibly through association with the general arrangements to horrow, or perhaps in some new "cluh" composed exclusively of credi-

£3.6m Saudi order Swifts Cages of Scarborough

has received an export order worth £3.6m from Saudi Arabia for housing cages and ancillar equipment under the second stage of a poultry project located near Riyadh.

# Americans spur OECD growth

Correspondent Paris, March 2

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Paris, March 2
Senior officials from the major industrial countries of the West today said that the new snimulatory measures being taken by the United States would raise the growth rate of the 24 nations in OECD during the second half of this year to 44 per cent, compared with the 34 per cent expected sarlier. However, the improvement will be concentrated heavily in the United States.

The meeting ended without any sign that the Germans are prepared to adopt more expansionary policies to raise their growth rate. Indeed, the meeting here of the OECD economic policy committee seems to

The committee ended by saying that any revival in productive investment still rested heavily on eradicating inflationary expectations. The communiqué carefully refrained from taking sides between those who want more expansion by the stronger countries, notably Germany, and those who fear that this would lead to a new wave of infla-tion.

Today's communiqué res-tricts itself to saying that tem-porary measures "may be appropriate". It also talks of

have ended with the German the difficult balance necessary position even firmer in spite of for expansion fast enough to pressure from the United cut unemployment but not so states and others for more fast as to prevent a fall in inflation, without saying where this balance should be struck.

Faced with the firmness with which the Germans hold their view, it is difficult to see how the proposed world economic summit could provide any major new stimulus, at least short term. This is reinforced by the fact that practical difficulties

have arisen which may prevent am OECD ministerial meeting in April to prepare the ground for the summit. The meeting may now have to be pushed back to June, after the sum-

#### How the markets moved

The Times index: 167.77-0.48 The FT index: 410.6+0.2

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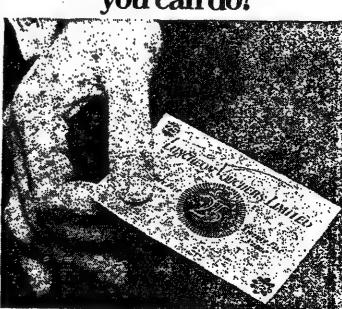
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By Patricia Tisdall

A warning that it may be forced to stop producing vehicle lamps because of unfair competition from cheap imports has been made by Osram (GEC) to the Department of Industry.

In his correspondence with department, Mr Patrick Samson, managing director of Osram—one of the biggest pro-ducers in the field—has said that the long-term future of 650 workers at two factories

is at risk. Philips, another large manufacturer of this type of lamp, shut its plant at Hamilton, Lanarkshire, last year. If Osram carried out its

threat the factory which would be most affected is at Team Valley, Gateshead, which employs about 500 workers. Without the vehicle lamp canacity, it is doubtful whether this factory could continue to function economically. A further 150 jobs would be lost at haw, in Lancashire.

Managers at both factories have been told that the company, a GEC subsidiary, is miking every effort to secure future employment. Osram, like the rest of the

industry, wants the Government to check the imports With two remaining large producers, Thorn and Crompton Parkinson, Osram accounts for about 80 per cent of total United Kingdom production of lamps used in vehicle headside-lights, indicators, brake lights, etc.

The industry, in common with other automobile accessory producers, has suffered from declining overall sales in the past three years.

But it has simultaneously been hir by a sharp rises in im-ports from eastern block countries, particularly Hungary, as well as Hongkong and Talwan, at prices which are a half to two-thirds of the cost of manufacturing in Britain. Eetween 1972 and 1976, imports of motor vehicle lamps rose from about 16 million units to 45 million units.

Imports from Hungary alone have risen from about 12 mil-lien units in 1975 to more than 20 million last year.

Mr Brian Hill, president of the United Kingdom Lighting Industry Federation, said yes terday that if the present trends were allowed to con-

tinue, home sales would be overtaken by the volume of imports in 1980. The federation has been try-

Ford and British Leyland

vesterday attacked British Steel

Corporation for falling to meet

their requirements, making them

step up purchases of steel from

store steel undertaking, and

In a detailed memorandum to

the sub-committee of the Select

Committee on Nationalized Industries, the strike-torn Brit-

foreign producers.

still had reservations.

# Osram gives Wages Inspectorate blitz shows 'alarming' underpayment of workers Tax pressure on

By Melvyn Westlake

Widespread underpayment of workers has been exposed during a "low pay blizz" carried out around the country by the last least leas 2,516.01 75 Retail bread (E & W) Retail bread (Scotland) -59 began in September and Jasted 1.205.48 Bookselling .....
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chosen at random in eight of down by the Wages Council 16 Wages Inspectorate Advance warning of the in-restigation was given by Mr John Grant, Parliamentary Divisions, with five or six inspectors visiting each town. By the endes of November some 23 towns had been saturated.
The investigation was concentrated on the retail trades takings by the Minister in May

TOTAL ..... 2,973

2,973 employers visited by the inspectors, some 805 were found to be paying less than the minimum wage laid

and catering, where under pay-

pectorate's policy not to prose-cute first offenders unless the offence is flagrant.

Of the work places visited for the second time, 54 were found to have broken the regulations on both occasions. All these cases were exam

ined with a view to prosecuting the employers concerned, but most were found to have committed minor infringements or were not suitable for Three cases, however, are in

course of preparation for proceedings. But more importantly, publicity attendant on the blitz will help in the "self enforcement process of the system,

Department of Employment believes. Most underpayment has been found to occur through ignorance of the regulations or a failure to understand the legal language of the wages orders. To help compliance, greater weight is now to be laid on simplifying the orders.
This should involve better

presentation of regulations, a move away from legalistic lan-guage and a reduction in the complexities of the rules

#### Construction sector faces more Appeal to iobless and 'permanent damage'

Wages Inspectorate

"wrst fears"

Announcing details in

results as "most alarming ".

in wages and holiday pay. More than £76,000

assessed as being owed to

more than 1,650 people, and

Inder-Secretary of State for

to focus public attention on

the problems of enforcing min-

imum-wage legislation and review the use of resources

within the Wages Inspectorate.

In conducting the investiga-tion one town was initially

Employment, last September.

prosecutions are under

The

published

Department

consideration.

investigation

yesterday, describes

The Government was warned vesterday that the construction ndustry was sustaining permanent structural damage because of its present crisis, and that unemployment in the industry, already 200,000, might rise to around 300,000 if relief measured. ures were not taken now.

The warning was given at the National Economic Develop-ment Council when Mr John Cuckney, chairman of the Economic Development Committee for Building, expressed extreme disappointment at the Government's response to the industry's plea for help. He was backed up by TUC and Con-federation of British Industry representatives around the

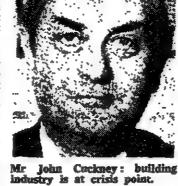
Mr Cuckney was commenting on a paper circulated at the meeting by Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, which constituted the Government's considered ing for some time to make a response to pleas put forward by the economic development tion,

civil engineering and by indus-trial and trade union leaders in a series of meetings in recent

months. Mr Shore's paper sympathises with the industry, but says that nothing could be done which would involve further public expenditure. The industry must sweat out the crisis.

Mr Cuckney told the council that the construction industry was now at crisis point. There were real grounds for thinking that if and when demand picked up again much of the capacity needed to meet that demand would simply not be there.

Mr Len Murray, general sec-retary of the TUC, said that unemployment in the sector was now around 200,000, and that this figure might well reach 300,000. Concern was rising about the number of craftsmen leaving the industry and about the break-up of design teams. The council was told that in many areas of building materials production, notably brick kilns and quarries, capa-



11,923 1,659

for the appropriate trade About 14 per cent of the

were being underpaid, and an average amount of £45.90 was claimed on behalf of each

worker. This, the Department

says, " could be described as a

large sum of money for work-

However, the number of pro-

secutions which are likely to result willb e small.

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ing people".

city was being closed down and would not reopen. TUC members on the counsaid that there must be further pressure to decasual-

# tive the whole industry,

# Ford and Leyland attack BSC failure to meet orders

Leyland was especially critical of the corporation's price target of 60 per cent this year.

intended to reduce imports this year, and BSC had accepted that it was for them to reestablish confidence in their ability to per cent of its business for cold

measure up to the standards re-

#### encourage small trader By Derek Harris Substantial changes

needed in government policy towards smaller-scale enter-prises, said Mr David Howell Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, speaking at a Conservative conference on "The Voice of Small Business" in London yesterday. If Labour ministers were serious about industrial strategy they should put aside preoccupations with big-scale invest ment programmes, rationalizing and nationalizing, and concen-trate instead on policy changes which would make it worth while again to start up a small new enterprise, he went on.
Mr Howell pointed out that the world's best performing and fastest growing economies tended to be those with the

largest numbers employed in smaller-scale businesses. Japan and West Germany were instances of this. He went on: "The industrial

structure we need to meet to-morrow's marketing challenges must be highly flexible and capable of rapid wheel-around to new processes and products. The giant industrial concerns of the past are not the best suited to the new challenges.
"When it comes to jobs, far

the best prospect is going to be at the smaller end of business and commerce—if any of these are given half a chance under socialism." A key priority was to cut the preposterously high rates of ta

on both income and capital. Parts of the Employment Protection Act were deeply hostile to small business needs. Simplified procedures were set out: required both from the Inland Revenue and Customs and Excise to help with the problems set by the demands for returns, forms and statistics.

#### Dell pledge on imports of cheap suits

By Our Industrial Correspondent

Six East European suppliers of cheap suits to the British market are to raise their prices after a government investigation into allegations of dumping Mr Dell, Secretary of State for Trade, told the Commons yesterday that the investiga-tions had revealed a measure of dumping with material injury to the United Kingdom clothing

Price undertakings had been given in negotiations with five countries—Czechoslovakia. East Germany, Hungary, Poland and Romania—while in the case of Bulgaria prica increases al-ready being introduced were sufficiently high to make it unnecessary to pursue the case any further.

any further.

The Trade Secretary told the Commons that the price of the imported suits would be reviewed from time to time and he said that he was not pursuing allegations concerning the unantities involved were relaquantities involved were relatively small.

He emphasized that if the industry considered that these products posed a big threat in ment would be prepared to investigate the matter again. The investigation had been unusually complex, requiring analysis of a wide range of gar-ments and had been time con-

No details were given of the agreements on the level of price increases, and the effect on retail prices will be deter-mined by the amount of "mark up " levied by retailers.

However, industry sources indicated that the present cheapest landed price of an imported suit from eastern block countries at £11.80 would be increased to £13.50 from April 1 and would be raised again to £14.50 from July 1. The news was welcomed by the clothing industry and by

the wool textile industry last night. Mr Richard Camrass, chairman of the Clothing Manufacturers' Federation, said that the flood of cheap imports had posed a real and serious threat to the livelihoods of 300,000

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# partnerships

From Mr J. C. Warden Sir, It has been said before and must be repeated as often s space is permitted, that small businesses and especially service partnerships such as patent agents and solicitors are being

forced into a condition of financial jeopardy by the present level of raxation and its system of administration. Unless remedial measures are taken, the next rwelve months may be critical since at present we are permitted to exist only under the sufferance of increasing bank overdrafts.

The most depressing factor is the condition of complete impotence to remedy the situation, even when there is plenty of work to do. Inflation immequirement due to the time lag in receiving payment of fees and disbursements. The last Patent Office fee increases, for example, increased immediately the capital requirement of my firm to the extent of the exist-ing permitted overdraft, and that is only one small factor. It is not possible merely by increasing productivity to alleviate the situation, since the lion's share of the profits is

milked off in taxation. One can exert pressure upon clients to pay faster, but only at the risk of upsetting long-standing relationships, and the pressure is merely shifted to another party who may be in a similar predicament. Also, once the gap is closed to the minimum, no further relief is possible. Enormous amounts of time and money are spent examining

tax avoidance schemes sug-gested by accountants and tax specialists, which turn out to be of doubtful validity and are quite beyond a small firm's accounting resources—already stretched by government regulations such as VAT—to administer. To force the adoption of such schemes cannot be in the public interest. Inevitably one reduces staff and personal drawings, knowing all the time that such measures are baving little or no impact upon the situation.

What we must have is the ability to set aside a reasonable proportion of earnings as capital—free of taxation. A mere reduction of personal taxation—much though it is needed—will not do. It is surely not too much to ask for

a firm to be allowed to pro-vide for itself out of its profits sufficient capital to keep it

If this is not done the total tax collected will drop, with associated suffering to partners and employees. Unless the cow is maintained healthy it will give no milk. The sufferer in the end is the farmer-in this Yours faithfully, C. WARDEN Tollgate. Peaslake,

February 28. From Mr J. E. M. Stewart-Smith Sir, The attack on individually owned private businesses this country prompts me to write to tell your readers about a series of three-week courses for the owners or chief executives of such businesses run by the Harvard Business School in the United States Management Programme. This is a series of three

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courses, each of three weeks (because it is thought that people will not want to be away from their businesses for longer at one time) and is the most popular single course run by the business school.

In the first three weeks you are, as it were, raised up on a platform to see the overall picture of different types of busi-ness, their problems and personalities, in the second three weeks you work at problems in course ties it all together with a lot of attention to family relationships in business, succession and caration.

I cannot find any equivalent course in England for the entrepreneur and after com-pleting two of the three ses-sions I am certain that going was the best business decision I have ever made. It would be useful too for people in larger businesses, such as banks, who work with small business. If any of your readers would like to know more about the course I should be happy to

Yours sincerely, MICHAEL STEWART-SMITH, Managing Director, Taylor of London Limited, 166 Sloane Street,

help where I can.

#### Tourism-a growth industry

From Mr W. Adkins Sir, Anthony Grant, in you issue of the February 19, has done a special service in indicating so clearly the tourism position in Britain and its importance to us all this country is second to none in its reputation of hospitalia and the way it receives its guests. It is therefore all the more surprising that in this consumer protection era, there is adopted by some such an anti-tourist attitude and there by such an indifferent attitude to our consumers, the tourists be they from home or over-seas. Some would advocate "soaking" them by extra taxa-tion and by various restrictions

amounting almost to an ani-tude of "don't come". All this is against the back ground of a prosperous tourist industry, a growth industry almost unique in Britain at the moment and which is likely to contribute an ever increasing major addition to our balance of payments and to the overal balance on tourism account.

Of course, there will be cerveniences along the road but why cannot we get together with government, local autority, transport lines industry the hotel and catering industry in order to minimize these interests of those who genninely complain. The overall position might then be acceptable to those that are u bigoted who seem to want to curtail one of the few ways in which our prosperity can be helped along an extremely dif-

You, Sir, can make a major contribution by persuading those; well disposed towards the interests of local residents, the consumer (the tourist) and the industry, together with government, in order to pro-vide a base which will help to prevent a reputation which regrettably, we are fast obtaining abroad, of being indifferent to the contribution which an ever growing tourist Yours faithfully,

Chairmar Tourism Development Commit The British Hotels Restaurants and Caterers Association,

#### Assessment of surrender values

From Mr T. Whitley Sir. The letter of February 19 from Mr Sharman and Mr Macdonald dealing with your leader of February 12, "A poor deal from the life offices" referring to the article "Need for a new look at surrender values of the same day, good though that is, in my opinion is

not trenchant enough. We must remember that the money that is being dealt with SUDSCINDED WHOLLY policy holders to provide for the following purposes in the order

1. To pay the cost of running the society/company which gives the service,

To pay out to the benefi-ciaries the sums and bonuses due to them on the death of the assured before the endowment assurance policy reaches full

#### Buying the index'

From Mr Raymond Nottage Sir, I was interested to read Margaret Stone's article "If you can't beat the market—join it! " (February 21) about pension funds "buying the index".
May I, through you, Sir, ask those who advocate this policy:
(a) What is the present market value of the 30 shares in the Financial Times industrial ordinary share index not already held by institutions?
(b) How long will it take the pension funds to myrchese this

pension funds to purchase this available balance, assuming that a given and significant proportion of their investment in equities is devoted to these (c) To what levels is the index expected to rise as the last 20 per cent of the shares in these 30 companies are

enticed away from their non-institutional holders? I should mention that I seek to satisfy a personal, and not an institutional, curiosity. Yours faithfully, RAYMOND NOTTAGE Director-General, Royal Institute of Public

Hamilton House, London WC1H 9BD. February 21.

3. To pay out the assured sums plus bonuses to the policy holders who live to full term, 4. To pay out equitably to those

unfortunate enough to need to surrender their policies before The first three purposes are contractual, the fourth is, in general, not.
It should be remembered that

the current bonus rate will continue throughout the life of the policy (and may rise), and anything, other than an unforeseen catastrophe (eg, the death toll of the 1914/1918 War), which causes bonuses to decrease, is

to be resisted. endowment To summarize, assurance policyholders are in effect contracted, not with the society/company issuing the policies, but with each other: the first three purposes set out are metters of assurance, that is, dealing with events which must happed: the fourth pur-pose is pioperly insurance, dealing with a matter which only may happen.
If you believe that the

societies/companies (employees of the policy holders) do other than take an actuarial view It should be remembered that when a policy is surrendered, when deciding to take out a I should be glad to hear it. I policy, the assured expects that believe that at the time of surrender, the policyholder is credited with a paid-up policy due at full term, and receives

disillusionmen is that the existing institutions have failed

to evolve or slopt a long-term

policy regarding standards of admission to tlem. Mr Freer is

right in saying that with the present graduce-only entrance

requirement, sme of the great

engineers of the past would have failed to qualify as chartered engineers today. Recently the Institution of Civil Engineer appointed a special committee to look into

the entrance aquirements to it. If all the recommendations

actuarial basis. Yours faithfully T. P. G. WHITLEY, Bromeswell Hollow, School Lane Bromeswell Woodbridge.

#### Why engineers are disenchanted with their institutions

From Mr M. R. Hasan Sir, As a practising engineer and scientist who knows the medical profession through doctor wife, I agree entirely with Mr Freer's suggestion (February 24) that the engineering professions should be reorganized on the lines of the medical profession with two parallel organizations one looking after the "spiritual" requirements of the engineers and the other concerned with

their " bread and butter ".

If the engineers today are disenchanted with the dozen or so institutions which merely confer the status of a "chartered engineer" on them, they are only to blame for this state of affairs. These institutions adopt a rather pious and authoritarian attitude towards their members whose raison d'etre the institutions believe, is pursuit of excellence. As a result of this, the engineer has lost the race for status and recognition by society to archi-tects, accountants, doctors and administrators who, viewed objectively, contribute no more the society than the engineer. An important factor which

it. If all the recommendations of this committee are followed (as appears to be the case) then it would b impossible to become a charered engineer future withou an O level in French. If the Government decides to hold an inciry into the organization of engineering professions then should look closely at the wy recognized professional bdies are organized and runin the USA. I say this on the basis of my own long association with one of them.

Yours faithfully. M. R. HASAN, London SE20 8TW has contributed to the present February 24

#### Goode Durrant & Murray Extracts from Mr Lionel Robinson's statement Group Limited will benefit from interest received. Exmings in the second half showed

an improvement as forecast. Pre-tax prefit was £457,900, and the board recommends an enchanged dividend of 15,75%.

The property market, which has had a material effect on our profit ever the past years, is still uncertain. We have felt it prudent to change our accounting policy on property development loans and bring into income only interest which has been received. Our property loan balances stand at £3.925 million excluding all pagaid interest compared with £12.8 million at peak in 1974, This reduction is continuing and as these

advances are renaid fature profits

We achieved our objective to keep a positive cash flow and our net borrowings stand now at £19.4 million from a peak of £33.8 million in 1974, a ratio to shareholders funds of only 1.4:1; therein lies our strength for the future. There is a marked fall in bad debt provisions in our instalment credits subsidiary United Kingdom Guarantee Corporation. For the last six months

our normal prodent provisions have proved to be more than adequate. Our overseas subsidiaries again showed their value and both Kirkcaldie & Stains in New Zealand and our Southern African interests

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returned to record profitability. contributing over £1 million pre profit between them.

in the UK Rawlings Bros. mad £30,000 pre-tax profit. Rawlings re-organised management team working to improve performant every level but we cannot expect the company to out-perform the building sector to any appreciable

We are clearly well poised to go for growth at the first propitieus moment. With our major loss problems eradicated I would expect the group to do better this year and for this trend

ish Leyland said that in the 12 supply and meet requirements. rolled steel products with BSC months to the end of September Action already being taken But purchases from BSC had months to the end of September last year only one third of the sheet steel ordered by the company from BSC had been delivered on time. corr Since 1971, said the company, ner.

all-party committee of MPs investigating the affairs of the although both groups acknow-lodged that BSC attitudes to-wards the difficulties had or technical problems. shown a welcome change, they But the company said it

Acrion aiready being taken would go a long way towards achieving this, but it was premature to believe that the corporation had turned the cor-

Chief executives from both sheet steel bought from the ompanies appeared before an corporation had fallen from 80 per cent to 63 per cent of requirements, while its imports bed risen from 12 per cent to 26 per cent—due to the inability of BSC to meet requirements in full because of labour disputes movements. Over the past three years BSC basic prices for sheet steel had risen by 100 per cent, and the rapid and irequent rises in price had eroded Leyland's competitive position and led to administration

tive difficulties.
In its evidence to the com-

fallen to 55 per cent of require-ments because of its inability to meet schedules for the motor company's quality requirements.

Mr Terry Beckett, Ford chairman and managing director, told the committee that the company had been involved in discussions with BSC over quality and volume require-ments and had offered a poten-tial £20m worth of business. BSC had not been able to

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

# Why Smith Brothers was turned down

The Stock Exchange Council's rejection of Smith Brothers' rakers in South African stocks on their own terms is a temporary irritation to the jobbers. Bur it highlights a problem which members of the Exchange's Council have been considering in committee since last Ortober.

In essence, the SE has to reconcile its members' need to seek out business where they can find it, with the need to maintain the basic self-regulamarket — that of keeping separate the roles of principal and agent. Smith Brothers proposal would, in the council's view, have breached this dis-

The Council's soul searching stems from the volume of internstie pal business now transacted outside it's market. It is affearly in the market's interests to increase capacity as far as possible, and so attempts to draw this international business within the SR framework have produced ideas for forms of associate membership or an ex-tension, of SE regulations to a tertiary market.

But such schemes run into a series of problems. Why should international dealers voluntarily participate? And would not attempts to enforce participanon merely force dealers to abandon London altogether?

How would the council reconcile the duality of the role of jobbar and broker and the duality of principal and agent common among international dealers with its own regulations dividing these roles? The SE's dilemma is simplified by the fact that markets follow their clients, and since

the introduction of righter foreign exchange regulations the domestic market for international stocks has been in decline. Rather than trying to expand the SE to encompass these chaoging markets, the council could merely siter its commission rules and thereby increase its members competitive ability to deal freely in international markets outside the SE trading floor.

floor give the SE its authority, and increasing the volume of those deals would increase that authority. But to increase volume at the expense of the market's self-regulatory principles at this formulative stage of SE thinking would be to over-value and at the same time to dilute the very authority the SE wishes to extend

#### Tricentrol/Ashmole

#### A rights by: another name

Tricentrol's bid for Ashmole Investment Trust, which has been accepted by holders of 523 per cent of the equity, is an exercise in opportunism which provides Tricentrol with cash (approximately £2.4m), Ashmole's major shareholders with a long-source text at a negligible discount, and inves-tors in general with very little reason to suppose that the investment trust industry is due for more excitement.

for more excitement.

With Tricentrol at 138p last night the bid—97 Tricentrol for every 200 Ashmole—values Ashmole's shares at 669p; and on the cash atternative provided by Morgan Grenfell—which is prepared to buy Tricentrol's shares at 122n—the price comes down to 59.4p a share. That is just a penny below the net assets (almost exclusively cash) stributable ao Ashmole's shares; following the property and securities sales of the pest few months.

Field proceeds—which are in any case, earmarked for the repayment of the government loans obtained to finance the exploration and development of its own share in the field. Tricentrol is continuing its explorations in the meantime, drilling another well in the north-east corner of the block in which Thistle falls; and the fact that the group is raising cash to help finance that exercise can be taken as an indication of the hopes which have been raised

As for the investment trust sector, further excitement there must probably wait on the issue of the British Rail Pension Fund's offer for Standard Trust expected on Friday.

#### Williams Hudson

#### Spitting in the wind

The 25p a share bid for Williams Hudson by Mr David Rowland's Argo Group expires, subject to extension, tomorrow, and the case of the dissident minority shareholders, who are unlikely to muster more than 3 or 4 per cent, looks like a lost one. Through vigorous buying Argo's original 46 per cent stake has been lifted to more like 70 per cent. So most shareholders seem content to

My own view has been that shareholders should accept the 25p. But this has merely acknowledged the dismal alternative prospects. This sorry saga is, in fact, worth much wider artention, for it encapsulates many of the reasons why small shareholders are forsaking the stock market. It is a classic story of how powerless they can be in the face of a dominant and determined shareholder and how little, ultimately, The Stock Exchange can do to pro-

tect them.

The company's record since
Mr Rowland took effective control in 1971 includes the purchase and subsequent writing off of Venesta; the buying of a stake in Vickers, later sold at an astimated f3m loss; and a net loss of £2.1m in 1974/75 followed by one of £4.1m the next year. Despite this disma! performance Mr Rowland consolidated his position by taking on the chairmanship in 1975 and last year tried to launch a rights issue on shareholders who had seen their shares plummet from a 212p high to only

Strong opposition forced him to drop that issue but he has now made a bid with the blunt warning to shareholders that, if they do not accept, their share listing might be suspended and a rights issue will follow. He further says there is little prospect of a dividend in the foreseeable future. Meanwhile, the company has net worth of at least 67p and probably more like 80p.

Mr Rowland is not noted for his altruism and shareholders may reasonably feel he is holding a pistol to their heads. He says it is his intention to run the business, but it is open to him to change his mind and sell would no longer have to explain his actions to anyone. The message for shareholders is obvious enough, but the fact that Mr Rowland has broken no rules suggests the real cause for soul searching should be within the City, or, failing that, the Department of Trade.

#### Herbert Morris

## Under

Wilcox bid-there was a meeting between the company, union officials and the Minister of State for Prices and Consumer Protection yesterday the com pany now recognizes that withcannot stay independent what ever the outcome of the Rabcock bid.

If Babcock's bid fails it will only be because Morris has gone elsewhere. Indeed, the rejection of the revised Babcock offer was accompanied by a declaration from the board that the interests of shareholders and employees would best be served if Morris were to join another large and compatible group on fair terms. Interest has already been expressed by other companies and the board will now be pursuing these possibilities".

·Finding another bidder wil not be easy. Babcock has 39.24 per cent of the Morris equity, while the board, family and Morris Pension Fund can only muster 26.67 per cent between them. Institutions account for nearly 18 per cent and small shareholders make up the hal-ance of a little over 16 per cent. Clearly, Babcock's revised offer of 148p cash (against a Mprris share price of 173p) is another sighting shot, offers Morris shareholders an exit p/e of 4.34, and looks like

nother sighting shot. The Morris accounts are ex pected early next week, and should show net worth of above 200p a share. Hold on.

#### L. Gardner A 'recovery'

# dividend The knowledge that Rolls-Royce

Motors is waiting in the wings may have provided the main impetus behind L. Gardner's share price performance over the last few months. But latest results and current prospects are also providing a significant prop at the present level. After three years in the

doldrums the group staged a powerful recovery last year raising its diesel engine output some 700 units to 4,500 and Gardner is confident of a similar increase in the current

demand for truck proving particularly strong, Gardner was able to more than double first halfprofit margins to 12.5 per cent in the second six months with the result that profits leapt to £1.1m in the latter period.

Having bought just under 17 per cent of Gardner's equity early last year Rolls-Royce has disappointed some holders by failing to follow-through with a full bid or even talks on closer cooperation, although relationships between the two boards are fairly close.

The feeling in the trade however, is that Rolls would dearly like to have Gardner's expertise particularly in smaller diesel engines and that a takeover approach must come eventually. But any move could be deplayed until the Government's industrial strategy with regard to the diesel engine industry is clearer.

Gardner's shares closed 6p higher at 170p where the p/e ratio is just over 9 which should fall at least two points this year. And with a 38 per cent boost in the dividend payment secured on recovery grounds the yield is 63 per cent. Final: 1976 (1975) Capitalization £7.35m Sales £17.6m (£12.7m)

Pre-tax profits £1.64m Tricentrol's object is to step up its cash flow shead of the While Herbert Morris clings Barnings per share 18.48p receipt, in the final quarter of on to slim hopes of the Govern(9.13p) (£753.000) 1977, of some of the Thistle meat reversing its commover- Dividend gross 10.63p (7.69p)

#### Industrial strategy 6: Rubber processing

# Hoping for the rebound

Rubber processing in Britain, and largely that means the pro-duction of tyres and other bits and pieces for the vehicle industry, has experienced a sad decline in the past 15 years with its share of world trade tottloling alarmingly.

In 1961, products from United Kingdom rubber processing fac-tories accounted for 22 per cent of the value of world exports of these goods but by 1973 the figure had slumped to a mere per cent. In contrast, West Germany's share over the same period rose from 11 per cent to 17 per cent.

The industry's weak position in world terms was rightly the starting point for the delibera-tions of the rubber processing sector working party under the aegis of the National Economic Development Office which is now looking for ways in which overseas penetration can be in-

The balting of the downward slide in the world market share is crucial if the processors are to avoid a further contraction, a trend that has been aggra-vated by steadily rising imports. At the beginning of the 1970s, about one in every 11 car and van tyres sold in the United Kingdom was of foreign origin but by 1975 this had risen to abour one in six Similarly, 7
per cent of rubber gloves
bought in 1970 were imported
increasing to 20 per cent five years later.

Unfortunately for the rubber processors, many of the courses of action that could lead to more dynamic growth rate in home and overseas trade are beyond their control. A large part of the industry's sales abroad is in the form of com-ponents to other domestic industries while at home the industry is particularly prone to the vagaries of the motor vehicle market and to the buy-ing policies of the car

policies, profits on original equipment sales were low and most companies had maintained that sales provided little more than break-even results.

This has been made worse in recent years by the practice of some overseas manufacturers of dumping rubber products, particularly tyres and industrial hose, on the United Kingdom market. The effect on prices and the profitability of the domestic companies has been serious and the working party expressed the rather forlorn hope that the government would change anti-dumping procedures so that the onus was on source countries to prove they were not dumping instead of the practice requiring United Kingdom producers to provide

In reply, Mr Alan Williams, Minister of State at the Depart-ment of Industry, simply said that such a switch would need a change in international agreements. He thought the interests of industry were best served through existing legislation and through the close cooperation between the Department of

proof.

Trade and Customs and Excise. Because of their great dependence on the motor industry, the rubber processors have also pressed for a much more detailed flow of information from the car companies about market forecasts, investment plans, future model policy and o on, and are seeking guidance from the government's motor industry tripartite group.

It is clear, however, that in the highly competitive world of car making, companies are reluctant to talk in other than broad terms. It also seems unlikely that the sector working party will be able to prise any more commercial information from the car makers than that already provided by the custo-mers of big companies like Dunlop or Goodyear.

companies.

The working party, in its strategy for the tyre industry first report last July, stressed in Britain has to be based on that as a result of those buying flexibility to react to changing

circumstances in the car mar-Tyre making in the United Kingdom is already in the hands of a few companies and there is little scope for further inte-gration. Rubber processing in Britain employs about 120,000 people at 500 establishments but over three quarters of them employ less than 200 and pro-vide less than 11 per cent of

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total employment. The top 10 per cent of em-ployers account for 74 per cent employment and 75 per cent of the industry's sales is to the vehicle industry including 45 per cent for tyres.

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The working party believes that although overall profitability of the industry did not deteriorate significantly between 1973 and 1976, cash flow has been inadequate to provide the reinvestment rate of return necessary to maintain the via-bility of United Kingdom plants

in world trade competition.

Apart from the motor industry problems that have affected the rubber processors' profit record, another constraint that has caused concern is the absence in the United Kingdom important raw material in

The strategic implications of being dependent upon a foreign supplier are clear but although the tyre makers have been urging the chemical industry for some years to build a resorcinol plant at home, none has yet been convinced that such a development would provide the

necessary return.

Another and vital aspect of the industry, affecting both the tyre and general rubber goods producers, which will need careful study before the formulaof an overall strategy is the improvement of productivity.

There have already been sub stratial redundancies in the sectors there is an urgent need to replace outdated equipment to ensure future competitivenes.

**Edward Townsend** 

#### Ronald Faux

# Brighter weather offshore

taken over as director-general of the Offshore Supplies Office in Glasgow at a propitious time in the growth of the North Sea

The British oil platform yards are now established, well experienced and competing more effectively in the world market. The share of the £1,000m North Sea spin-off cap-tured by British engineers and suppliers after an unanticipal suppliers after an unpromising start is growing and the number of jobs generated in Scotland, about 55,000 at the last count, has brought healthy impetus to the North

After two years in which no orders were placed in the British yards, much to the embar-rassment of the supplies office, the first order for a new North the first order for a new North
Sea platform has been
announced by Chevron Petroleum for Highland Fabricators
at Nigg. Other orders are
likely and Britain is now in a
position to compete for any
size or shape of platform in
any kind of material.

Altographer the oil industry is Altogether the oil industry is a cheerful spot in an otherwise

gloomy picture. For a civil servant the directorship of the offshore supplies office is an unusually informal job, since the oil industry is generally everything the Civil Service is deemed not to be-brash, im-pulsive, fast-moving and crudely dismissive of the kind of departmental ceremonies for which Whitehall has a reputa-

They don't want to spend time talking to people unpro- forms will be ordered in the ductively and they are shy of next 18 months. In fact, the

hardly see us now as govern-ment but as recognizable in our own right and not associated with the normal run of state involvement", Mr Black-He is a stocky, quiet-man-

nered man who, when he is not acting as broker on behalf of the taxpayer between the taxpayer between nen and industrialists, is devoted to mountaineering. He is a former president of the British Mountaineering Council—an organization which he quietly revolutionized—and author of the definitive text-Dook on mountaineering

The Government's efforts to win a larger share of the oil business still receive a steady barrage of criticism but Mr Blackshaw bases an optimistic Blackshaw bases an optimistic view on a few positive signs. When it was discovered that the North Sea hid significant oil fields, Britain's manufacturing industry had had little experience of the oil industry. Inevitably the country scrambled behind the rapid pace of development set by the oil companies and by a British economy badly in need of the scale of transfusion which oil has been able to give. has been able to give.

Inflation and the high cost of producing oil from the North Sea forced a pause in orders for new platforms which confounded the supplies boles in the Scottish earth

gloomily vacant.

This has always been difficult to predict but I think that we may expect that some four or five steel and concrete plat-

these and ranked among the less likely to materialize. These would be for the home market, but overseas development is also promising", Mr Blackshaw particular, the order In

secured by the McDermott yard at Ardesier to build an offshore rig for Braxil and the agreement between Constructors John Brown Offshore and Petroleo Brasiliero to provide technical assistance and technological support were encouraging signs that Britain was making headway in the shark pool of international competition. The Middle East also offered greater scope for British involvement in offshore work, adding to the strong civil engineering and petrol development activity

already there. and uncertainty, Mr Blackshaw pointed out, was not confined to the North Sea but had been world-wide. There had been doubts about the potential benefit of the reserves, but the tide was changing. A number of companies were now keen to press ahead with develop ments.

Once technical analyses had been completed, and after the latest round of licensing. Mr Blackshaw forecast another burst of enthusiasm for the North Sea. His other important aim would be to encourage British companies which had already developed a North Sea expertise to project themselves ternationally into the offshore market.

As engineering moved into and more difficult waters the developing technology must also be helped by government and he saw closer collaboration, particularly be-tween Britain and Norway, in joint ventures into third market export areas. Two years at the Offshore

Supplies Office as deputy director had convinced Mr Blackshaw that, although the North Sea was a difficult place from which to produce oil, the experience and ability which Britain had developed and from which even the Americans had learn, would in future be a valuable and a marketable resource.

#### be sprung Sooner or later every incomes policy founders upon its own the problems, both political and absurdities, usually in the economic, of a potential pay second or third year of its explosion in the autumn if open ignored.

The spring will

currency. If the present British Leyland dispute does not turn out to be for Mr Healey what the miners' dispute was for Mr Heath three years ago, then beyond a shadow of a doubt something else will.

In neither case could the claim being made be represented as an example of a powerful monopoly trade union trying to extract for its members more than the economic the general characteristic of collective bargaining to remedy which incomes policies were invented.

arises because payments which would be perfectly economically and commercially justifiable conflict with the rules of an incomes policy whose general effectiveness depends on no exceptions being seen to be It is, moreover, a total delu-

sion to suppose that the problem is merely one of timing, that if only the Leyland tool-room workers would wait until a more flexible phase three the necessary adjustments in rela-tive pay could be made consistently with the general fabric of an incomes policy. One man's differential is another man's anomaly.

There is no internally con-sistent pattern of pay relativi-ties which would satisfy simultaneously all or even the bulk of the customary and desired relationships between the re-wards of each group. The simultaneous equations A is greater than B, B is greater than C; and C is the same as A just

will not solve.

The problem goes deeper. The aim of any incomes policy of an average (the trend of average money earnings) while allowing market forces, whether of pure supply of and demand for labour or of relative bargaining strength, to determine the components of the average (the pay of each group). Yet in the nature of any incomes policy, which is a form of administrative intervention in market bargaining, it can only influence the average by operating directly on the

components One might as well seek by direct controls to determine the average time taken by runners n a marathon race without affecting their relative performance. Nor is it easy to devise in the labour market any practical analogue to such indirect methods as making the runners all carry weights or all run at airless altitudes. There is, of course, nature's remedy. If the government

creases enough spending power to validate the general increase

Politics requires that there be a visible phase three and that it be not generally disregarded. Economics requires

that there be a large readjustment of pay relativities without an excessive growth in average monetary earnings.

in monetary rewards, then prices simply rise to reduce the the economic facts of life make possible, while relativities are reely determined.

If the government increases spending power only in line with its estimate of the potential growth in the real output, then nnemployment rises until excessive pay settlements are on average deterred; and rela-tivities are still freely determined.

But that is precisely the illemma—accelerating infladilemma accelerating infla-tion or high unemployment invented to solve. There are also ingenious mechanisms, such as the Elkan plan devised by a New Zealand economist of that name, which simulate nature's remedies through the But they leave undiminished

the incentive to individual groups of workers to exercise their bargaining power to the maximum and lead in the end to absurd results which are ex-tremely difficult to unravel.

Yet, the Chancellor still faces season is declared from next August or if the formula for the next phase is widely

Politically, there is little attraction for the government in a free-for-all or in an ineffective policy, since the elec-toral argument that the Tories cannot cope with the trade unions would be much weakened by a demonstration that Labour could not either." Economically, a strong upward pressure on pay, whether

it was absorbed by a sharp rise in unemployment or reacceleration of inflation, would obliterate the Chancelior's strategy over the last two years of bringing down inflation while nurturing a revival of manufacturing output. investment and general employment by making British labour costs internationally comperi-

Even if he could generate extremely modest inflationary expectations by nersuadice people to concentrate on the real influences on the retail

#### Peter Jay **Economics Editor**

price index from this spring onwards rather than on the crude popular percentage in-crease over the past 12 months, it would still be most unlikely, that people would be dissuaded from trying to make good what they believe they have lost since the 1974-75 pay round.

The option of a big income

tax reduction looks less and less efficacious. To make a real impact some hing over £2,000m would have to be added to the budget deficit; and even on the Treasury's latest short-term forecasts there does not look like being much more above £1,000m of room within the £8,700m ceiling pledged to the International Monetary Fund.

Secondly, there is now nu-prospect of securing a quid urp-que from the TUC before the: budget at the end of this month. Thirdly and most importantly, even if the TUC would commit, itself to a realistic norm phase three in return for income tax cuts, this would merely raise again all the fundamental problems of reconciling effective control of

components discussed For, a general cut in income tax does not make the largest possible increase in gross pay any less desirable for each group of workers. Indeed, in strict cash terms it makes in more desirable.

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certain emerge. Politics requires that there be a visible phase three and that it be not generally disregarded. Economics requires that there be a large readius ment of pay relativities without an excessive growth in average monetary earnings.

The only known mechanism under conditions of collective bargaining for reconciling moderate average growth in earnings with market-deter-mined relative rewards is a free-for-all with a tight fiscal and monetary policy. The counterpart to this in the public sector is tight cash limits in individual expenditure programmes within which the various spending agencies and free to make what compromise between pay increases and roal improvements in public services

they can It follows that the right phase three is one which provides the highest and most flexible posible formal ceiling (thereby making it so far as possible breach-proof) with the clearest possible indication that every penny up to that ceiling is going to have to be negotiated under conditions of every finunder conditions of severe fin-oncial stringency for both public and private employers. This will almost certainly mean a bad year for industrial relations and a dire tendency for people, whether through miscalculation or impervious ness to the facts of life to price themselves out of their

But that is better than a bad year for parliamentary demo-cracy, which would be the consequence of trying to enforce the unenforceable.

Moreover, the problem of re-entry into normal market bargaining cannot be solved by indefinite postponement any more than pressing indefinitely down on a spring can have any effect other than to increase its eventual recoil.

# Business Diary: Home truths • Fact and FABLE

Building Society may bank upon enjoying their just rewards in another place but at the moment they appear to be having a little on account here the moment of the bound of the poorer applicants have been helped with option mortgages, and the local place of the problem of the p having a little on account here

and now.
Assets have more than doubled (to £2.6m) in the last four years higher than the building society movement average, and are expected to go up by about at least a half this year. The 1976 financial statement, ust released, shows that the

CBS was able to loan a third more than in 1975, that four in ten of the loans went to people carning £3,000 a year or less and that six in ten went to firstnme buyers. This compares with a move-

ment average of less than two and less than five in ten respectively.
Francis Higgins, the CBS's managing director, told Business

Diary yesterday that three-quarters of the society's loans are to Catholics. The CBS is one of the smallest and newest of the building societies, established by Catholic laity in 1960. At this time, he says, building societies were discriminating against Catholics. This was not on religious grounds as such, but because

there were many Catholics with

small incomes and large fami-

ies living in city centres and

interested in older propertywhich comes down to pretty much the vame thing.
The CBS, Higgins says, can discriminate just as legally for Catholics as the longer established societies could discriminate against them. This is because the proportion of loans to co-religionists is the same as able to make loans of up to 95 per cent at a time when other societies have been advancing

70 per cent or less. Helping minority groups is good business says Higgins—himself a Catholic—and he say it would probably pay the bigger, longer established groups to be more socially

#### Stand by

Prince Władysław Puzyna, a Pole in the exhibition business, was to be seen at a London notel yesterday lunching already committed potential participants" in a venture called FABLE.

This is short for Floating Arab-British Luxury Expedition, under which it is proposed to send a boatload of British salespeople and their wares on a two and a half month cruise around Gulf ports. The boat, a 10,000 con French

vessel, was to have left this month but will now not sail November—if then. before Should bookings not pick up, the project may have to be renamed FARBLE, or Floating Arab-French and British Expedirion for plans do exist to sell space in France. Guests at yesterday's hunch were addressed by the prince.

and then exhorted by John

Warburton, head of the over-seas directorate of the CBI, David Bissett, of the De-

The officers of the Catholic the proportion of applications partment of Trade's Middle East division, and Bryan Brisby, the proportion of applications partment of Trade's Middle East division, and Bryan Brisby, the proportion of the proportion of applications partment of Trade's Middle East division, and Bryan Brisby, the proportion of applications partment of Trade's Middle East division, and Bryan Brisby, the retired resident director of the Cyprus Popular Bank in Nicosia.

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Building Society may bank from them. out of retirement by the British Bank of the Middle East to preside over banking operations aboard ship, and to liaise with branches at the ports of call. BBME is not backing the project financially, the organizers

say, but they suggest that Arab

interests are or may.

There will be 120 "stands" aboard the boat, half for industrial firms and half for retailers, costing between £10,000 and £12,500. Gloristan, the prince's com-pany, has firm bookings for between six and 25 stands so far, depending upon which of

the representatives one speaks John Klue, one of the Gloristan team who inclines to the lower number, said yesterday that they need to sell about two thirds of the stands before the cruise is ou.

He would like to reach that figure by the end of May when Gloristan will have to confirm its charter of the boat. If British bookings are thin, the company will look to the French. Klue declined to name those who had signed on for the

# Recruiting

Judith Hudson has good reason to be pleased today-business is picking up and she became a director of the firm that is picking up some of the business. Ms Hudson, creative director

of Charles Barker Recruitment.

has gone on to the board and



Just the job: Judith kludson of Charles Barker Recruitment

now as far as she knows the only woman director of a recruitment advertising agency. She told Business Diary yesterday: "For the first time in a year or 18 months recruitment is beginning to pick up a bit, particularly in professional and higher-level jobs."

own were perhaps thanking after a year of cutting down on everything that they did need top quality people in the higherrung jobs.
One of Ms Hudson's jobs this week has been a first sunt as a judge of the Newspaper Society's awards for newspaper

advertising designed by news-

papers themselves rather than by agencies

Clients of firms such as her

"I was very impressed by the standard of the black and white ads, but not so impressed, strangely enough, by the colour advertisements", she said. The awards won't be announced until April, although Ms Hudson was able to say that the standard was high enough for them to be made in all the categories.

#### A test case

The National Union of Bank Employees found little sympathy from bank managements when it suggested a char about the extent to which bank em-ployees should keep quiet about those aspects of customers'

to HM Inland Revenue Local directors of Barclays Bank are now asking for names of managers willing to be guinea pigs in a test case before the courts over the Revenue men's interest in the manager's own affairs. At issue is the Revenue's claim for a slice of payments of up to £4,800 made by the bank to managers to help them through the house price boom of the early 1970s.

The money went to employees who sold houses cheep before the boom on being promoted to manager and given company flats. Some managers were mable subsequently to reenter the house market, even given the soft mortgages to which bank staff have become accos-tomed. Maybe that's why so many were to be seen lurking in

Jargon corner: a speaker at a business function told his audience yesterday: "Over my dead body will there be any disefficiency."



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NEDO report says rationalizing would significantly improve industrial performance

# Confusion on engineering standards criticized

By Malcolm Brown A National Economic Development Office report criticizes the Government and Whitehall for allowing confusion in the field of standards and specifications in engineer-

ing.
The report, published yesterday, was prepared by Sir Frederick Warner, the distinguished consulting engineer. Its central thesis is that Britain's industrial performance could be significantly improved if some rationale were brought to the proliferation of procurement specifications, standards and certification schemes in this country. The report also criticizes the uncertainties and problems which have arisen because of lack of clear-cut government action.

The main recommendations of the report were accepted in whole or in part at yesterday's meeting of the National Econo-

One of Sir Frederick's prime recommendations is that the Chancellor and the Secretary of State for Industry should immediately ask those ministerial colleagues whose departments are major public pur-chasers to give a high priority to ensuring that their require ments are related to standards and to overseas requirements. lems for the manufacturers of Sir Frederick believes that industrial machinery and equip-

Big increases in sales of the

cheaper varieties of instant

coffee were reported by some

supermarket groups yesterday in the wake of announcements

of a further round of price

A spokesman for the Fine Fare group said that "coffee was being taken off the shelves

as fast as we can stock up".

Fine Fare is one of the

groups which offers under its own label an instant coffee

retails at about 14p a pack cheaper than the standard

All the instant coffee manu-facturers are looking to chicory

35 Japanese shipyards fell to 15.25 million gross tons at the

end of December from the peak

of 50 million tons in March, 1974, the Transport Ministry

occupied because yards are

with chicory. This

lowing publication of the 1967 White Paper on public pur-chasing and industrial effici-ency, but his researches have led him to conclude that the only department which has made really significant progress is the Ministry of Defence. where a rigorous system has been set up to encourage the use of standards and prevent the proliferation of unnecesnew specifications being

Two targets for special criticism are the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and the Consumer Protection Act 1961. These, says the report, have given rise to uncertainty in manufacturing industry by laying down requirements which either not specific or are unrelated to standards. Sir Frederick complains that

written

Heavy buying of coffee to

Japan's shipyard orders fall

Tokyo, March 2.—The back- curtailing operations. But, log of shipbuilding orders at said, the backlog correspon

The ministry could not pre-dict how long the backlog end of December at 18.22 would keep Japanese yards million gross tons, the Ministry

forestall cost increase

in the areas covered by such legislation too much emphasis given to the courts. Instead the executive deciding whether the safety requirements the legislation have been met by a particular item of equipment there has been a tendency to rely on the courts. "The way in which the Health and Safety at Work Act and related legislation seems likely to operate poses major prob-

the steep price increases in raw

Chicory is already used by Nestle which, with about 40 per cent of sales; is the largest of

the branded producers, and by Solcafe, a J. Lyons subsidiary

Instant coffee prices, at present being investigated by

the Price Commission, have

been thrown into complete confusion by a series of rapid increases. Prices can vary by 20p or more for a 4 oz jar

Once the latest rises, expected to bring the price of a 4 oz jar up from about 95p to more than £1.15, have passed

through the distribution pipe-

line the manufacturers expect

said, the backlog corresponds to 85 per cent of the 17.98 million tons built in 1975, when

Japan's shipbuilding reached a

The Lloyd's survey showed

the backlog of orders at the

tween different shops.



Sir Frederick Warner: progress mainly by Ministry of

ment", says the report. Guidance is limited to the contents of the Act, the regulations made under it, the Codes approved by the Commission. of Practice, and the guidance "Similarly, the Commission. notes issued by the Health and It appears that even the guidance notes will of inpdividual items of equip-

"It is understood that 'codes of practice' published by BSI and other professional and industrial bodies are not

approved codes of practice under the provisions of the Act not normally be and will "Similarly, the Commission and the Executive will not Safety Commission, the Execu-normally wish to give any offi-tive, and by industry advisory cial recognition to the guidance which have been generated for many years by manufacturers and other associations providing technical and instruction on how to cope with various situations in particular industries

and users feel that they lack guidance on the specifications which will enable them to meet

their statutory obligations.

He recommends that the Secretary of State for Employment should take immediate action to direct the Health and Safety Commission to make reference to existing standards and voluntary codes of practice under S6 and S16 of the Health and

Safety at Work Act. Sir Frederick also wants the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection to implement the Consumer Protection Act by reference to

Under the Act the Secretary of State can make regulations imposing safety requirements for any class of goods.
"If the Act were to be amended to include the power to include in regulations refer ence to British Standards, on a 'deemed to satisfy' basis, and use were made of it in regula-

would have a 'deemed to satisfy' legal standing." Turning to the question of metrication Sir Frederick says that this should have offered a golden opportunity to rationalize specifications. But the progress to metrication has This means, concludes Sir slipped badly

**Business appointments** 

# Senior deputy chairman at Lloyd's

and workplaces."

Mr Ian H. F. Findlay, a deputy chairman of Lloyd's of London, becomes senior deputy chairman, and Mr A. Bruce Gray is elected a deputy chairman for the remainder of 1977. Mr Leslie R. Dew has resigned as deputy chairman

Mr L. S. Wiedor has been elec-Mr L. S. Wigdor has been elec-ted chief executive of the Lesile & Godwin group of companies, and deputy chairman of Lestie & Godwin (Holdings), a post he will share jointly with Mr R. W. Batter.

Mr H. H. Reeves has been made managing director of Trollope & Colls. He has been deputy managing director for 10 years and has been with the company for 27

years, Mr R. E. Allen has become a director of BSR. The National Freight Corpora-The National Freight Corporation announces the following appointments consequent upon the reorganization of its Scottish-based companies formerly under the holding company Tay-Scot. As director and general manager of the new operating companies: Mr E. Brown, Scottish Road Services (Caledovian); Mr J. Macfarlane, Scottish Road Services (North); Mr W. D. Graham, Scottish Road Services (Forth); Mr A. Callander, Scottish Road Services (West); Mr J. L. Copland becomes managing director of all these companies. The Board of Scottish Road Services, the new holding company will be: Mr J. L. Copland, managing director; Mr W. D. M. Leithead, finance



Mr A. G. Wand, who has joined the OCS Group Board.

director; Mr A. Callander, divi-sional director; Mr L. F. Small, marketing director.

Mr E. D. McKay, a divisional Mr E. D. McKey, a divisional advances coutroller, is now assist-ant general manager (planning) Midland Bank. He succeeds Mr B. L. Goldtborpe who was recently made general manager (operations) Midland Bank. Mr John Harries has been made

sity Computing Company.

director designate of client centres in the United Kingdom of Univer-Sir Basil Smallpeice, chairman of Associated Container Trans-portation (Australia) has been nominated as president of the Institute of Freight Forwarders in

succession to Sir Humphrey Browne, chairman of the British Transport Docks Board. Transport Docks Board.

Mr Peter T. Grauer, vicapresident, has become need of
the petroleum and mining division
of Citibank's World Corporation
Group in London. He succeeds
Mr Lode Beckers who has taken
up a new position as head of the
World Corporation Group's credit
administration group at the bank's
head office in New York.

Mr Peter S. Brewin has joined the main group board of the Bemrose Corporation. Mr John Webb, deputy chair, man and managing director of Stanley Gibbons, will retire from the company in March. He retains a position as consultant to the

Mr F. R. M. Drake has been made a director of Fenchurch Reinsurance Brokers, a member of the Fenchurch Insurance Holdings

Mr William Rogers is now managing director of the North-ampton Mercury Company and the Northampton Independent. He has n a director of both companies

Mr John Cockin has been appointed to the newly created post of manufacturing director of TI Rollo-Hardy. He was previously general manager of the extrusion department of TI Chesterfield. Mr Richard Baker, managing director of Barbour Index, has gone on to the board of Specifile (Pty) of South Africa.

# **Saleninvest** rejects MFC claims

By Our Industrial Staff Saleninvest AB, the Swedish shipping group, yesterday rejected accusations that it con-tributed to Maritime Fruit Carriers troubles in a New York lawsuit by the Israeli American shipping group.

Salen was until the middle of last year the charterer of most of MFC refrigerated tonnage. Because of MFC's financial problems most of the tonnage was subsequently sold off. Later, MFC filed lawsuits against Saleninvest, Salen Reefer Services and several of against the company's officials alleging that they contributed to MFC's troubles.

In a statement the Swedish concern said that MFC had made numerous incorrect and improper accusations which related to a lawsuit begun by MFC "by an unsworn and ampiguous complaint containing baseless and incorrect claims?

Salen's lawyers, said the statement had sought to obtain the sworn testimony of MFC wittions, the status of published standards to which they refer nesses on these claims but MFC had opposed this and was would be enhanced since they refusing to produce witnesses.

The company said that it
"emphatically denied" any
charges of wrongdoing

The company, said the statement, would also seek whatever relief was properly available in connexion with allegations which proved to be fal that had been made by MFC and its officials, including Mr Yaacov Meridor and Captain Mila Brener, joint managing

#### Dearer coal lifts iron foundry price

Britain's foundries are to lift the price of their products as a result of the 15 per cent rise in coal prices by the National Coal Board at the beginning of this month,

In a statement yesterday the Council of Ironfoundry Associations said that the price of foundry coke for delivery by road had risen by £10.25 a ton which on an estimated annual consumptio of 560,000 tons represented an extra cost to the industry of more than £6.75m.
In addition, said the council, ironfounders used about 140,000 tons of other coke and coal representing a further £1.4m. Iron castings, it said, would therefore cost more because of

latest coal price increase. The further increase would be reflected in rising prices of other foundry materials, such as a 4.5 per cent increase in the cost of electricity, the price of which, with other increases, was forecast to rise by about 11 per cent over the next 12

# **OECD** urges caution on Dutch expansion

said today that the task of Dutch economic policymakers was not easy in present conditions, especially in achievement of a marked and lasting strengthening of business investment and moderation of inflation.

This is among the conclusions of the OECD's annual survey on the Dutch economy, completed before the recent wave of

It notes that while the existing margin of economic slack and strong balance of payments could form the basis for a marked expansion of real demand and improve the labour situation, the need for further reduction of inflation called for cautious demand management to avoid the development of an upswing typical of previous cycles.

The survey says that official forecasts, dating from last September, have set a gross domestic product rate of 4.1 per cent this year, leading to a moderate reduction in employment, a slowdown in inflation and an increase in current external surplus.

But it points out that since last September, several new developments emerged, notably developments emerged, notably investment and rising men the strengthening of the guilder, ployment.—AP-Dow Jones.

Paris, March 2.—The Organization for Economic Cooperaization for Economic Cooperaization for Economic Cooperaization for World trade in 1976, a slightly weaks
outlook for world trade in 1976. a pick-up in residential con struction, a surplus in soci funds, and a higher carryon into 1977.

The OECD secretarize is less optimistic than the Dutch and orities and predicts a sty growth of about 3 per sufficient to prevent a signif cant rise in unemployment while continuing to dampen initialing

ary pressures".
Official forecasts for an 8 per cent growth in exports thought to be too optimistic OECD experts. They predict a growth of only 6.25 per cent The survey, however, agree that private non-residential in vestment may be the mon buoyant demand component this vear. But it expects a current account surplus of about 7,000m guilder (£1,647m), rather tha the 6,000m predicted by the authorities, due to expectation

of weak imports and a lower The OECD notes that in the struggle to maintain traditional real income growth under a system of severe price council, labour fared substantially being than business, and the resulting decline in profitability was associated with falling business.

#### Comex to bring 300 divers into PAYE tax scheme

y Roger Vielvoye

Comex UK, one of the largest wine the United Kingdom diving contractors in the North en, is to bring all its 300 Linnle diving school, funded by ivers into direct employment

"Such a move would under the United Kingdom diving contractors in the North ing industry, and the Lock in the Linnle diving school, funded by the contract of public money, would be By Roger Vielvoye diving contractors in the North Sea, is to bring all its 300 divers into direct employment and start a pay-as-you-earn tax scheme soon after talks with the Inland Revenue.

Comex has previously taken on divers on a sub-contract basis, leaving the diver indi-vidually responsible to the taxman, says Offshore Engineer, the magazine

The magazine quotes diving industry sources as saying that divers will probably move overseas. As international workers they had the option of escaping through the British tax net by becoming foreign residents. come a sponsored staging pag

to tax havens The move by the Inland Revenue is raising "a horses' nest" in the offshore industy and not just the diving secon says the magazine. It brings into question the relationship between a multipational con pany and its employees operating in international waters. According to Offshore Engineering the Inland Revenue is also in correspondence with other North Sea diving contra

## Wine trade duty plea

By Ronald Emler

Mr Healey would maximize his income from direct taxation if he leaves duty rates unchanged in the forthcoming Budget, said a deputation from the Wine and Spirit Association yesterday to Mr Denzil Davies, Minister of State at the

Treasury.
The WSA, in presenting its Budget recommendations, said that the removal of the 10 per cent regulator charge imposed

in December, the stabilization of duty rates, and the grantin a six week period of grad for duty payments by the trade would halt the decline is employment in the industry, is crease investment, increase Treasury income and beset the public. Mr George Bull, chairman of

based on research commissions from the Henley Centre in Forecasting, amounted formidable case ".



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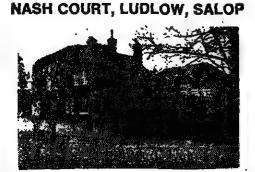
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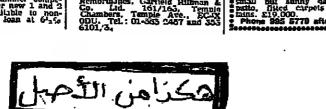
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th of important and at the of important prices. gle to main ain trace income arouth by After Brown Muff and Elys (Wimbledon), the latest target of speculators in independent r fared sub, anually stores is Bourne & Hollingsworth. The shares jumped 10p to 64p in a thin market. But Mr P. Ovenden, director and if with julling to ment and rising to ment and rising to dealt—AP. Dow Jose secretary, says he knows of no approach. These things go in cycles", he says. Debenhams 300 diven has been mentioned in the past.

The reserves figures were also a help to gilts which cut back earlier losses of up to half ich a more woulde the United kingde ndustry, and the e diving school fund were one-quarter to three-eights lower, additionally helped by the conviction that interest rates will fall again soon. Dealers expect a half-

point cut, but not necessarily After January's record turnover in gilts, there was a pre-dictable fall-off last mouth. The

News that the Government is to drop its plan to nationalize shiprepairers brought a brisk trade to associated shares late

Some like Hawthorn Leslie up 16p to 56p and Swan Hunter 8p to 65p soared on hie news, out others which had been geared to expect compensation terms went sharply into reverse with Yarrow off 6p to 126p and Vosper 4p lower at 87p.

Among the leading industrial stares there was generally little change by the end of the day with Glazo 453p, BAT Industries 262p and Unilever Industries 262p and Unilever 442p all at overnight levels. ICI, which has been underperforming of late, managed a penny rise to 335p, while the feeling persisted that Beecham may still be entertaining capital reorganization plans and the shares jumped another 8p, for a close of 424p.

After letting it be known that it would like other approaches to rival Babcock & Wilcox, the

Ashmole Investment up 14p to 65p to give one of the biggest percentage rises of the day.

The increasing feeling that the bid from Associated Engineering will fail in the face of stiff opposition left Serck 5p lower at 78p, while there was speculative interest on hid talk in Spirax Sarce, up 50 to 161p, Stag Furniture 9p to 71p and Wm Press which continued to go ahead with a rise of 11p to 47p.

In foods, Ranks Hovis held steady at 444p in spite of redundancies news, while S. & W. Berisford lost a couple of pence to 181p. The company gave details of loan stock con-

Holdings up 5p to 145p on fresh bid talk, Sennah Rubber better by 20p to 200p on its coffee interests, Empire Stores 4p to the good at 96p on demand in a thin market and Syltone up 10p to 63p with a dividend forecast outweighing a £353,000 rights issue.

#### Latest dividends

	Company.	Ord	Year	Pay	Year's	Prev
	(and par value)	div	ago	date	total	7=1
	Beralt Tin (25p) Int	1.25	1.0	25/4		4.0
	Beradin Rubber (5p) lat	1.01	0.91	31/3	7.07	0.91
	Family Inv Trust (25p) Fin	1.85	1.55	4/5	3.15	2.7
•	R. M. Douglas (25p) Int	1.0	0.91	14/4	-	3.46
	Fairview Estates (10p) Int	2.25		6/4	_	-
	L. Gardner (25p) Fin	4.4	3.0	28/4	6.9	5.0
	Jevons Cooper (10p) Fin	1.7	_	1/4	2.92	-
4	Moorside Trust (25p) Finu	3.0	2.55	31/3	4.0	3.5
	Nu-Swift Inds (5p) S Int	0.8	0.8	25/3	1.4	1.27
	Utd Real Prop (25p) Im	1.25	1.25	15/4		4.62*
	Thomas Witter (25p). Fin	2.16	2.33	5/4	2.61	2.56
	US Debenture (25p) Fin	2.36	1.56	9/5	3.06	2.66
	Western Mining (\$A0.50) Int	3.01	2.5+	29/4	3.00	5.0+
	Control Morrosco (CGs) Inc	3.01	2.37		_	
	Central Norseman (50c) Int	20t		15/4	~ `	-

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# Exports again to give boost to Nu-Swift

to 2.16p.

Even more successful trading

is heralded for 1977 by Mr Ivan

group will be investing in new

plant to reduce costs and also

increasing the quality of prod-ucts. A big addition to the specialized fire-fighting pro-gramme should also come on

Features of the year just past

were a broadening of the group's product base. Nu-Swift

also concluded a buying-selling

agreement with a leading

American company with rights

to market world-wide, exclud-

ing the United States and Canada, a two-battery operating

Early Warning Smoke and Heat

stream by September.

By Ashley Druker Taking off at half time with a 68 per cent leap fire extinguisher group Nu-Swift Industries was confident then of record profits for the year. The second six months to December 31 did show some pul-fing. They contributed £447,000 against the first half's £481,000. Even so, pre-tax profits finished strongly 32 per cent ahead at a best-ever £928,000.

course to end at 195p.

With the metal price nearing a 16-month peak gold shares had a good session, though some were below their best by the close. Among the "heavy-weights", gains of 37p were recorded by St Helena at £11.50 and President Lyand at £10.37, while both Western Heldings and West Driefontein were Turnover in the year advanced 16 per cent to £7.71m. That at home rose 11 per cent through another pre-Budget boomlet. It is already known that profits in the six months

to £5.65m and exports 30 per cent to £2.05m. Net profits in-creased from £338,000 to £444,000, and profit margins from 10.6 to 12 per cent. Earnings a share went up from 1.69p to 2.22p. The total

#### 'Handshake' for | Hanson collects London & L'pool | nearly £1m director

The managing director of London & Liverpool Trust's banking offshoot, Mr Ian Salmon, has resigned from that post and from the main board and is to receive a golden handstrake of £15,000. He had served the banking group, and its predecessor, for over 10

He and fellow director Mr Peter Squire are resigning fol-lowing the sale by them of a 29.9 per cent stake in the group to investment clients of Schlesinger, a subsidiary of Charter Consolidated for 18p against 16p in the market. from Whitecroft Hanson Trust is not going

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away from its £11m failed bid for Whitecroft empty handed. It has sold the 25 per cent stake in the textiles, building, engineering supplies and leather group, which formed the cornerstone of its bid. The stake has been "placed widely with institutional investors".

Hanson built up its stake about 18 months ago when the

shares were worth around 100p each. The market price is now 143n, giving Hansons a paper profit on the sale of nearly £1m.

#### Institutions' £15m fund to aid small businesses

Three heavyweight instituions, Prudential Assurance, in excess of £100,000, will
fidland Bank and the British generally be up to £500,000,
as Central Pension Funds, representing shareholdings of ave joined to set up a new between 10 and 40 per cent in company, Moracrest Invest- the client companies. It may tions, Prudential Assurance, Midland Bank and the British Gas Central Pension Funds, have joined to set up a new company, Moracrest Invest-ments, to provide equity finance to small private businesses.

The idea is that Moracrest—whose total capitalization of £15m is to be subscribed as required by its three parents— will help private companies when they find themselves long on momentum, short on re-sources and still too small to come to the market for a public

quotation. Individual investments by Moracrest which is aimed ar limited private companies with

also take stakes in some small publicly-quoted companies.

As well as providing extra financial resources, the new company is, through the appointment of a non-executive director, to provide a link with specialized services, particu-tarly in the financial field. Moracrest will consider buy-

ing existing shareholdings in private companies.
Its chairman is to be Mr Jack Smith, deputy chairman British Gas.

#### THE PRESTIGE GROUP LIMITED

Mr. David Lawman reports on 1976

The following is an extract from the Statement by the Chairman, Mr. D. J. T. Lawman, which has been circulated with the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1976.

#### THE YEAR'S RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

Group sales for the year amounted to £47,930,463, an increase of 13.9% compared with last year's total of £42,088,682. Group net profit before taxation and before extraordinary items improved by 14.8% to £5,453,925 (1975 - £4,751,374). The Board is recommending a final dividend of 13% making a total for 1976 of 20% (1975 - 18.195%)

1976 IN BRIEF	1976 £'000	1975 £'000	IACREASE %
SALES	47,930	42,089	13.9
PROFIT BEFORE TAX AND EXTRAORDINARY			
!TEMS	5,454	4,751	. 14.8
CORPORATE TAX	2,909	2,461	18.2
PROFIT AVAILABLE	2,449	2.228	9.9
_ Earnings per share	13.53p	12.31p	
ORDINARY DIVIDENDS			
Rate	20%	18.195%	
Cost	905	824	
Times covered	2.7	2.7	
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	16,505	14,960	10.3
Profit as % of shareholders' funds	33.0%	31.8%	

Copies of the 1975 Accounts and Copies of the 1975 Account and the Chairman's Statement may be obtained from the Secretary. The Prestige Group Limited, Prestige House, 14-18 Holborn, London ECIN 21.0. The Annual General Meeting will be held in London on 30th (Merch, 1977.

Manufacturers of 'Prestige', 'Skyline', 'Ewbank', 'O-Cedar', & 'Old Hall' household products.

Overseas companies operating in Australia, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, South Africa, Spain, Sweden.

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#### Briefly

n com pardeng. North Sea diving the UKO-WILLMOTTS
Offer by UKO International for Willmotts (Investments) is: for each ord, £7.58 cash or shares of an equivalent market value or mixture of cash and shares. For each preference shape, 70p cash. Willmotts' board recommends both offers and will accept for its only holdings. plea A be the state of the second o

CAPTIAL ISSUES

According to Bank of England, gross issues in the UK last month 194.7m. However, because of redemptions of £114.5m. There is a net £19.8m.

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Accounts for 1976 show trading
profit more than doubled to
12.62m after saturage.

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Continuing improvement is fore-cast by Mr L. Robinson, chairman, with profits benefiting from repaywith profits benefiting from repay ment in interest on property advances not now taken

The final dividend of 2.08p net is, of course, being paid and not delayed, as we curiously stated

COLD MINES KALGOORLIE Melbourne. Operating loss of 5A54,000 (about £35,000) for Gold Mines of Kalgobrile (Aust) for half-year to Jamary 11, against a loss of \$A49,000 last time. Gross revenue was held at \$A4,000. No dividend (same).

CENTRAL NORSEMAN. Operating profit of Central Norseman Gold Corp NL for half-year to January 11 up from \$8.843.000 to \$42.49m (about \$1.6m). Revenues rose from \$A3.74m to \$A6.25m. Interim dividend 20 central arther fill dend 20 cents, against nil.

MOORSIDE TRUST Pre-tax revenue for 1976, 2644,000 (2593,000 for period January 23, 1975 to December 31, 1975). Gross dividend, 6.16p (5.38p).

ALLED PLANT
Allied Plant Group, the quoted company in building services, has bought Malcolm West-Plant Hire, of Rull, for £150,000 cash-£80,000 now, £35,000 in January, 1978 and £35,000 in January, 1978 to £35,000 in January, 1978 with £35,000 in January, 1978 and £35,000 in January, 1978 and £35,000 in January, 1978 with £35,000 in January, 1978.

BRIDON. Bridge to form joint venture with Poleso Group of Indonesia to manufacture wire strand and wire tope in Jakaria under name of Bridge Poleso Indonesia. Bridge Will subscribe 51 per cent of equity. Cost not expected to exceed USSI.3m (£760,000).

JAMAICA SUGAR ESTATES Talks on a possible offer by National Sugar for Jamaica Sugar Estates suspended until National's purchase of two other sugar-pro-ducing companies completed. Jamaica's board confident that

talks will start again. PRESTREE GROUP
In 1977, efforts will be directed
towards maintaining progress by
profitable expansion, reports Mr
J. J. T. Lawman, reports Mr
annual statement. Prestige 74 per
cent-owned by American Home
Products of New York.

ANSETT TRANSPORT Melbourne.—Operating profit of Ansett Transport Industries rose from \$A6.46m to \$A11.37m in half-year to December 25. Gross revenue rose from \$A189.41m to \$A224.35m. Interim up from 4 to 4. cents. But board does not ex-pect profit growth to be main-tained.—Reuter.

Big reverse for bearings giant

SKF, the Swedish multi-national ball-bearing producer, took a hard knock in 1976. Profits dropped from 567m kronor (£78m) to 240m kronor. before provisions and taxes. Turnover increased by 1.9 per cent to 6.981m kronor. cent to 6,981m kronor, excluding McQuay-Norris of St Louis, bought at the end of the

The group is repeating a dividend of 4.5 Kr a share.-

## Witter matches its best-ever

authority over the Meanwood Road Factory.

Covery in the first six months to May 31 and omens were agood for the rest of the year to November 30. In the event it reports its best profits in four years. Sales rose 20 per term of the first six months. four years. Sales rose 20 per cent to £21.2m but pre-tax profits jumped 51 per cent to £1.12m. These matched the record profits made in 1972-73. Investment income and in-terest receivable doubled from

Scottish Mutual premium spurt

New annual premiums con-tracted by the Scottish Mutual Assurance Society last year rose by 22 per cent compared with an industry-wide increase of 18 per cent. The total amount invested in Stock Exchange securities by the life

office was almost £16m of which £10m went into gilts. The balance found its way into ordinary shares and rights issues. A further f6m was invested in property, which now reoresents 15½ per cent of the office's assets.

Into the red again at Rakusen Gp

A profit of £111,000 gave way to a loss of £178,000 at Rakusen Group in the year to June 30 after interest charges of £150,000 against £155,000 and a provision of £216,000 after reappraising work in progress. Turnover rose from £1.9m to

The accounts were delayed the the pending a decision by Secretary of State for Environment on the public hearing which followed the group's dispute with the local

Vavasseur on the way back

On the mend in 1975-76, financial services group J. H. Vavasseur now reports more E10,000 to £22,000, but tax than doubled profits for the jumped £229,000 to £573,000. first half year to December 31. The provision for deferred tax Turnover rose from £8.83m to was largely to blame. Against a £11m, hoisting pre-tax profit credit of £173,000, this time from £312,000 to £747,000. This round it became a charge of was after interest payable less £324,000. was after interest payable less

The board says that trading operations scored a "useful" improvement in profitability.
Meanwhile the 80 per cent
owned subsidiary Mills & Allen
reports interim profits of
£1.06m against £423,000.

W. Mining windfall

Western Mining increased its operating profit from A\$5.49m to A\$7.03m, after an "abnormal" item of A\$2.5m in the 28 weeks to December 31. Turnover rose from A\$75.9m to A\$99.2m. The interim dividend of three cents is maintained. Revenue from nickel rose by 27 per cant, thanks mainly to a 91 per cent price rise and a higher proportion of metal in the sales

Union Discount Falling interest rates and a buoyant gilt-edged market have once more given Union Discount, of London, a highly profitable start to its year. But Mr A. Ritchie, chairman, told the annual meeting the last nine months of 1976 proved difficult.

He thinks interest rates still have farther to fall, but the recent suspension of the formula for minimum lending rate may have slowed down the decline. Annual inflation of 16 per cent and the next wages phase are daunting.

weak at first, managed to rally

to an unchanged 230, after 200, while BTR, after the previous

day's rights, followed the same

Discounter Comet Radiovision

is surprisingly perhaps, going

to February were well up on those for the whole of 1974-75 (£2.26m). Now it looks as if

the year to August will see

them notch £4m for earnings a

share of 15p against a market price of 66p. On a maximum dividend, the yield rises to 8 per cent, more than four times

bester by 25p. Others in form were Winkelhaak, firmer by 35p Among Australian mines, Peke Wallsend rose 15p to

425p and Hampton Areas were ar a firm 96p on talk that something "may be in the wind." Equity turnover on March 1 was £81.14m (19,881 bargains).

Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were Shell, BP, ICI, Burmah, BAT Dfd, Midland Bank, P & O.

GKN, Imperial Group, Ultramar Rank, Metal Box, Marks & Spencer, BTR, Unileyer, Oil Ex-

ploration, Guardian Royal, Her-bert Morris, Ashmole Inv. Spirax Sarco and Bernard

course to end at 195p.

Syltone bullish in 2-for-5 'rights'

Market response to a rights issue, a loan, and a bullish forecast from Syltone put the shares up 7p to 60p yesterday. This maker of pumps and compressors announces a two-for-five "rights" issue at 42p— a discount of 18p—to raise about £353,000. This will buttress the equity to support more

Syltone has also arranged five-year term loan of £350,000 with bankers. For the year to March 31, 1977, it expects pre-tax profits of at least £600,000, against £362,000.

For the longer run, the board expects demand in 1977-78 will be even higher. For this year Syltone will pay a final of 3.6p 5p compared with 4.2p.

Rbt M. Douglas holds its ground

Expecting no more than to hold its ground five months ago, Robert M. Douglas Holdings, civil engineer and builder, did just that in the half year to September 30. Turnover went down from £41.2m to £37.4m, but pre-tax profits held steady at £1.48m against £1.41m. For the full year to March 31, 1977, the board is confident that the outcome will be "satisfactory".

Last year it turned in a

Last year it turned in a record £2.67m. Main efforts then were concentrated on

The interim dividend goes up from 1.39p gross to 1.52p. Local authorities

The interest rate on local authority bonds this week is down from 11; per cent to 11; per cent. The biggest borrower is Leeds at f2m; Hertfordshire, Manklands. Mouliands and Oldham are raising film each. Two-year bonds at 12; per cent are offered by Cleveland to raise £500,000, and Durham with £250,000, while Cleveland also has a five-year bond at 134 per cent to raise £500,000.

# Beaver-CH Industrials

# When old friends fall out

The contested £1.2m bid from CH Industrials for Beaver Group may serve as an example of how a seemingly amicable merger can turn sour. It may also demonstrate the problems which arise for a small com-pany, forsaking a retreat into the realms of private ownership, which seeks to attract wide institutional investment by breaking int ohigher earnings and assets grounds.

Te defence document is due in the next few days while Beaver rushes out its 1976 figures and prepares a forecast for the current year. When it arrives, hopefully in good time before the offer closes on March 11, shareholders may find it useful to consider the

background. The two sides had been talking for over a year until, in response to a rise in the Beaver share price (the group had long been regarded as a volatile bid stock) merger talks were iffi-cially unveiled on January 5

Within the next 17 days, the talks had been called off and the Beaver chairman, Mr F. W. Merz, has resigned. His deputy, Mr H. E. M. Barnes, who assisted Merz during the earlier merger negotiations, took over and quickly rallied resistance to CH Industrial's cash-and-paper offer launched on February 18.

to both CH Industrials and Beaver.

At about the same time, Brandts which had been connected with CH Industrials since the Spey Investment days. sold its 25 per cent stake at a 64p discount to the prevail-ing market price of 29p. Charterhouse Group took 15 per cent and Keyser Ullman through Throgmorton Trust, took the rest although its holding has now come back to 9.9

per cent. The offer currently values Beaver at 44 per share and with the price now standing at the same level, the market is clearly taking no view as to

CH Industrials has pushed its holding up to the 15 per cent limit-any further and it would be obliged to underwrite the entire offer for cash-and it understood that Mr Merz, who holds around 10 per cent may be amenable to the bid terms. In addition, he attracted various friends to invest in Beaver and these are thought to be regarded as stale bulls who would come out with the offer in respect of their 23 per cent total holdings.

Overall, Mr Hearley reckons

he can count on over 40 per

Just before the bid, CH cent acceptances before the Industrial's chairman, Mr Tim count is finally taken. But the Hearley, resigned from Hart deal will be hard fought no Morris since it had been broker matter how suddenly (and matter how suddenly (and inexplicably) the Beaver board reversed its earlier thinking. Its main planks will be asset backing, in the 1975 accounts

at 67p per share, and the absence of any commercial logic C. H. Industrial, antious to widen its base, would not dispute the latter point too hard, although shareholders may be entitled to wonder why it took Beaver over a year to discover that the two companies did not "fit " industrially. The clue, perhaps, may be found in Mr Merz's decision to quit the defending board.

After a profits fall from £454,000 to £286,000 in 1975 and a drop from £160,000 to £119,000 at midway last year, Beaver will have to run hard to kill the hid on earnings grounds alone, The downturn has been attributed to persistent problems in Mr Merz is understood to have relieved the divisional director of his responsibilities. He has

subsequently been reinstated. Shareholders should take no action before the defence is published but- its contents should make revealing reading.

Ray Maughan

# BANK LIMITED (formerly UBAF Limited)

#### **Balance Sheet at 31 December 1976**

Share capital and reserves **Currents** assets Authorised, issued and fully paid Cash, balances at bankers, 10,000,000 money at call and short notice 121,182,292 ordinary shares of £1 each 1,000,000 Bills discounted General reserve 3,896,856 Retained profit 652,431 Deposits with banks 107,822,648 11,652,431 Loans and advances 30,752,148 Shareholders' subordinated 0,863.725 toans U.S.\$11,680,000 Debtors and prepayments 107,470 18,516,156 265,761,414 **Deferred taxation** 138,500 Loansandadvancesove 106,685,533 Current liabilities investments - Unquoted at cost and directors' valuation 571,861. 352,566,589 Current and deposit accounts 1,199,006 Fixed assets 138,164 436,111 Creditors and accruels Proposed dividend 300,000 354,502,306

TRADING PROFIT for the year ended 31 December 1976 after payment of interest on subordinated loans (£522,200) amounted to £2,627,299. DIVIDEND 3% - equal to 6% in comparison with the dividend of 5% for 1975 on the former share capital of £5,000,000 - share capital increased to £10,000,000 fully paid on 1 December 1976.

Extracts from the Chairman's Statement The accounts for 1976 show a profit of £1.040,015 after tax, which is more than double the figure for 1975 (£405.822).

£373,156,982

The Board maintains its cautious policy of building up reserves, and the sum of £500,000 has been added to the general reserve raising it to £1,000,000. Additionally £300,000 has been set aside against the possibility of any future loan losses,

More than fifty well-known and respected banks are now directly associated with the U.B.A.F. Group, and all of the Arab countries are represented in this association.

The change of name which took effect on 4 January 1977 was a change of name only. There is no change in the legal status or constitution of the Bank.

P.O. Box 169, Commercial Union Building, St. Helen's, 1 Undershaft, London EC3P 3HT SHAREHOLDERS: Union de Banques Arabes et Françaises - 50% Libyan Arab Foreign Bank - 25% Midland Bank Limited - 25%

#### MARKET REPORTS

#### Demand pushes metal prices up

Renewed buying onthusiasm leveloped for all base metals and silver yesterday and resulted in generally higher prices on the London Metal Exchange.

Copper cash wire bars gained \$10.75 and three months went \$10.50 shead. Advances stemmed them covering and fresh them.

from short covering and fresh buying induced by the trend at Nev York and the condinued strength of gold.

strength of gold.

Tin showed gains of £20 for cash and £5 for three months. Dealers said that although lacking a lead from the East, with Penang closed, prices displayed renewed firmness but higher levels attracted profit taking and values receded. Offerings were generally well absorbed despite the quietness of fresh outside dmand.

Lad rose by £13 for cash and £9.50 for three months. Dealers 19.50 for three months. Dealers said that the movement reflected current sentiment in base metals and gold with a report of partial force majeure on Asarco's April force majeure on Asarco's April shipments, due to exhaustion of inventories and a protracted strike at its Glover, Missouri, plant.

Zinc gained \$5 for cash and \$5.25 for three months in sympathy with the general trend. The forward position touched \$450 then fell back on the emergence of profit taking and hedge selling. Silver registered gains of he-Silver registered gains of be-tween 4p and 4.50p in the ring.

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# Bank Base Rates

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#### **Commodities**

May, 232-34; July, 236-39; Oct., 243-36.5; Dec., 248-54; March, 251-57; May, 257-63; July, 258-66. Sales: 39 lota.

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#### Foreign Exchange

In the short conditions prevailing in the discount market yesterday, the Bank of England bought a large quantity of Treasury bills directly from the houses and also lent a large sum overnight at MLR (12 per cent) to six or seven houses to relieve the situation.

Banks had brought run-down balances over from Tuesday and were running lower as the day progressed. Though houses were able to find a certain amount of money from time to time, at cases mostly within a band of 113 to 112 per cent, there were occasions when the rate went is 12 With the assistance from the authorities seemingly not quite matching the underlying shortage, rates were firming again at the finish. Though most of the houses ruled off in the area of 113 to 114 per cent, interbank rates were fully 124 per cent, interbank rates were fully 124 per cent, interbank rates were fully 124 per cent, bid at the 128 Major currencies closed little changed at the end of yesterday's foreign exchange trading following a generally quiet session.

Sterling moved furner towards the close, finishing at \$1.7150, with a net 15 points gain. The \$591m rise in United Kingdom reserves, incorporating a \$250m drawing on Britain's Eurocurrency facility, was about in line with market expectations.

The Swiss franc closed at 2.5530/40 to the dollar. A one-point cut in Danish bank rate, so 9 per cent, came after the closure of the Scandinavian markets but prompted London dealers to mark the crown rate to 5.8825/40 to the dollar from the earlier level of 5.8760/75.

The new index of sterling effective depreciation stood at 51.8 from 61.7 on Tuesday (December 1971=100). On the old hasis, the depreciation rate was unchanged at 43.1 per cent.

Gold rose \$3.00 an ounce, to close at \$144.625.

**Spot Position** of Sterling

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#### Wall Street

New York, March 2.-Prices were mixed at midsession after opening higher on the New York Stock Exchange this morning. Gaining issues were ahead of losing ones about six to five. New York.—Stock prices were strong over a broad area at the close on the New York Stock Exchange today, rallying on a com-bination of internal strength and opyside encouragement. The Dow Jones industrial average was ahead 8.31 points to 944.73.

Silver 2.70c higher

New York, March 1.—\$|LVER.—\$
futners overcame come initial weakness in close between 2.50 and 2.70
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17.80c; May, 180.00c; July 185.00c;
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34.942 (previous Can \$4.945).
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#### ROBERT M. DOUGLAS **HOLDINGS LIMITED**

**Civil Engineering and Building Contractors** 

INTERIM STATEMENT

The Directors report as follows:-

issue at the end of

Earnings per Ordinary

the period .

1. The unaudited profit of the Group for the half-year to 30th September, 1976 and corresponding figures for the half-year to 30th September, 1975 are as follows (figures to nearest £'000):---

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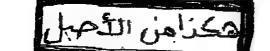
dividends received from those Companies. 3. As stated in my last Annual Report the value of the work load ahead in the United Kingdom has inevitably been affected by economic circumstances. Contracts for work in the Middle East have been obtained and I am glad to report that taking these into consideration the work load ahead is greater than at the corresponding period last

Notwithstanding the expected reduction in tumover for the first half year and the substantial fall in earnings of overseas companies due to the adverse trading conditions in Australia, it is pleasing to report that profit after taxation shows an increase of 8% and that trading conditions in Australia are improving.

Your Board have every confidence that a satisfactory outcome to the full year's trading will be achieved.

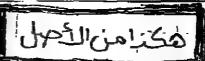
4. The Directors have declared an interim dividend in respect of the year ended 31st March, 1977 of 1.0005p per Ordinary Share of 25p absorbing £74,026 (subject as mentioned below) (1976 £61,158) which will be payable on 14th April, 1977 to members on the Register at the close of business on 25th March, 1977. This dividend together with the imputed tax credit will be equivalent to 6.1% (gross) on the Issued Ordinary Shares as compared with 1976 interim dividend of 5.6% (gross).

ROBT. M. DOUGLAS, Chairman. 2nd March, 1977



Stock Exchange Prices

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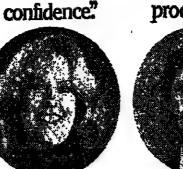


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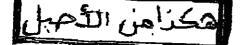
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OTH KENSINGTON, W. C. Clar institute in the state of the Now a new label may have to be levised to embrace the truly small ars which American manufacturers re bringing out in response to the nersy crisis. Significantly, they are ll European designs.

General Motors has already introduced its Cheverre, similar in size and tyle to the Vauxhall model. Ford will be selling the even smaller Fiesta in merica and Chrysler's future models nclude a car code-named the C2, Simca 1100 replacement before moving o Britain and the United States.

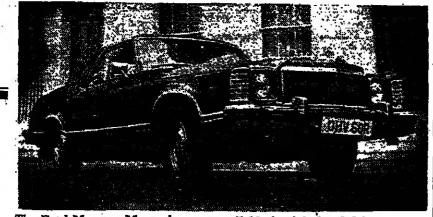
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American designed cars, in turn, will have an increasingly European flavour.
Not for nothing are Europeans getting not for nothing are Europeans gening more of the top jobs in Detroit. Mr Roy Axe, for example, the Brittin who designed the Alpine, is now in America as design executive for the Chrysler

It may, however, be some time be-ore American cars have a significant population this side of the Atlantic. In Britain, the combined sales of Amerian Fords, Cadillacs, Buicks, Pontiacs nd Chevrolets cannot be more than a sw hundred a year.

The latest American nunched here in right-hand drive form as well are remote.

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iritain) is the Ford Mercury Monarch. Aercury is to Ford what Buick is to Michelin's new radial eneral Motors, not as prestigious as the Lincoln or the Cadillac, but a cut Michelin this week appound bove the company's other models. A steel-braced radial tyre, the XZX claiming "significant advances" in wet The Monarch is available here in grip, noise and comfort levels. It is a



The Ford Mercury Monarch—now available in right-hand drive.

four-door saloon and two-door coupé gine developing 134 bhp and automatic lar radial. give developing 157 only and automatic transmission and power-steering are standard. The mechanical specifica-tion is conventional: rear-wheel drive, recirculating ball steering, leaf-spring rear suspension and disc/drum brakes.

Styling is in the eye of the beholder. but apart from a typically flamboyant radiator grille, the Monarch makes a fair attempt to disguise its origins. What it cannot disguise is its size: though classed as a compact, it is very big in European terms, being nearly 161 ft long and 6 ft 23 in wide.

You have to go to Rolls-Royce or the upper reaches of the Mercedes range to find anything as big in Europe, and even then only the Rolls Camargue and Phantom are both longer and wider. To put it mildly, the Monarch is not the easiest of cars to manouvre in heavy traffic or to park.

The size, and hence the weight, coupled with the big engine, inevitably means modest fuel consumption. I returned only 13.6 miles to the sallon in town and 17 on the open road, though very gentle driving could push the figure up towards 20. The car will, however, run on three-star fuel.

Despite its length, the Monarch is not particularly roomy inside, and for its engine capacity not exceptionally fast. While European car manufac-

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American than European. The sus. Michelin has been making tyres in pension is very soft and the old-Britain for exactly 50 years, and has fashioned leaf-spring layout at the factories at Stoke-on-Trant, Dundee back gives an indifferent ride over and Belfast. All three will be producpoor surfaces. Nor does the Monarch ing the XZX. have the cornering ability of the best European cars and matters are not helped by the vague and very low- More DIY

But if it is not the car to be pushed makes possible.

In fact, the main appeal of the car. In fact, the main appeal of the car. Is precisely this. American ability to cover long distances in a relaxed out not only major servicing but fashion. The seats are good, there is repairs as well. One in four felt able a sumptuous carpet and the car has to replace the exhaust system, brake most of the gadgets you could reasonably want. In Britain the Monarch will not only be different but faith and the parts, alternator and dynamo, one in five to replace shock shearbean 17 and 18 and Dext-door neighbour

Michelin this week announces a new many millions of pounds a year.

development of, and replacement for, versions, costing respectively £7,225 the ZX, which since its introduction in and £7,165. It has a 4.9 litre V8 en 1968 has become Europe's most popu-

The steel tradial was virtually a Michelin invention, though the com-pany was so far ahead of its time that it had to wait something like 25 years to see the concept win general recogni-tion. Nowadays its advantages over the cross-ply tyre in such important areas as handling and tread life are

widely accepted.

Michelin's problem in τeplacing the ZX, therefore, was how to improve an already excellent product. The company is the first to admit that the improvements are fairly modest, "evolutionary rather than revolutionary". But do appear to represent genuine gains.

Designing a tyre is rather like design ing a car : it must be a series of compromises. In the case of the tyre the aim must be to provide the best possible grip on the widest range of surfaces (which probably means that no one tyre will be outstanding in all con-ditions) and balancing that against con-

siderations like wear, noise and ride.
In designing the XZX Michelin decided to use the same casing as the ZX but to change the tread pattern. It may not be realized that on a dry surface a tyre can give excellent adhesion if the tread is perfectly smooth; the grooves fast. While European car manufacturers try to squeeze every inch of prevent aquaplaning. The XZX has space and every ounce of power from more grooves than its predecessor, their vehicles, the Americans have tended to waste both.

ment market by the end of the

hard along winding country lanes, the Monarch does come into its own on them to a garage, according to a surthe motorway. Even under fierce them to a garage, according to a sur-acceleration the engine remains vey published this week. That trend strikingly smooth and quiet, helped is growing: a quarter of motorists no doubt by the generous level of questioned said they were doing more sound insulation that a large bodyshell work on their cars against 15 per cent

The survey, by International Auto Safety Centres, which operates a chain of service and repair outlets, concludes ruefully that all this do-it-yourself activity is costing the garage trade

#### Broadcasting

All life is here: watching 23-year-old cowgirl Sue Pirtle riding rodeos in America for Taste for Adventure (BBC1 8.30) or taking a cool look along with Barry Humphries at a forgotten Dieppe theatre in Omnibus (BBC1 10.15).

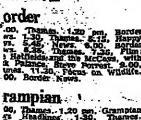
Then there is the gently humorous comedy of The Galton and Simpson Playhouse ITV 9.0), with Charles Gray and Freddie Jones as a happy middleaged couple, and If Human Bondage (BBC2 9.30), Maugham's tragic love story with Laurence · Iarvey.—T.S.

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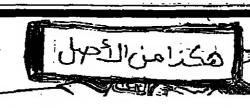
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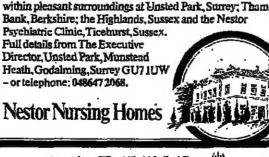
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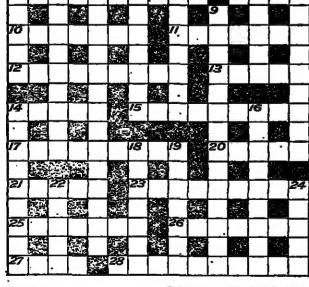
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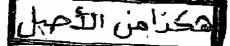
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